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Judge: 'I'd burn down the IBA'

Jerusalem District Court Judge Dov Eitan said in court yesterday that, if the Israel Broadcasting Authority offices were as depicted in television service announcements, he would "burn down the building." In hearing the case of a Mevasseret Yerushalayim man, accused of assaulting an official of the Broadcasting Authority, Eitan used unprecedentedly strong language in criticizing the authority and its methods.

Guy Dricks, 32, was fined 1520,000 and given a six-month suspended sentence for insulting a clerk of the Broadcasting Authority's licensing department and throwing coffee in his face. He was also ordered to pay 155,000 damages to the clerk.

The prosecution asked for a stiff penalty "to root out once and for all the norm that an embittered citizen can use verbal and physical violence against an official."

Judge Eitan remarked that "when a certain person says in the Knesset that Arabs are like drugged insects, it is an illusion to think that the courts can solve the problem."

Later, the judge said: "This court is not sitting to determine whether there is chaos in the Broadcasting Authority."

"There is chaos, as in all government offices. I think we can assume that, when someone comes into the authority's licensing offices, he gets annoyed."

Eitan said that if the authority's offices were like those pictured in television service announcements then one was bound to get annoyed. "If they are really like that, I would burn them down — I would simply take a match and set fire to the building."

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Mayor Teddy Kollek rides out yesterday at the start of Jerusalem Day celebrations. (Rahamim Israeli)

U.S.: Syria, USSR may ruin pact

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
and Agencies

WASHINGTON — The latest wave of fighting in Lebanon is seen by U.S. officials as part of an intense Soviet/Syrian campaign to put psychological pressure on the Lebanese government not to endorse its accord with Israel.

U.S. officials yesterday privately conceded that the campaign might yet succeed, thereby derailing the entire agreement.

This has caused considerable anger in the Reagan administration and could explain the strong language used yesterday in condemning the Soviet role. The Soviet Union was accused of "irresponsibly" playing to fears and animosities in the Middle East.

Responding to Soviet accusations

against the U.S.-sponsored Israel-Lebanon troop withdrawal agreement, the State Department issued a strongly-worded statement warning that Soviet behaviour is escalating the tensions in the region.

"It behooves the Soviet Union, which has 100,000 occupation forces in Afghanistan and is supporting 180,000 Vietnamese troops in Kampuchea, to criticize an agreement between two sovereign states — Lebanon and Israel — providing for the withdrawal of forces, the establishment of mutually agreed security arrangements and improved relations," spokesman Alan Romberg said.

"In an area plagued by tension and fighting, when dedicated efforts are under way to create conditions to prevent the recurrence of war, the people of the area have a right to expect a constructive Soviet role," he added. "Instead, while others search for peace for which the peoples of the region yearn, and which they so richly deserve, Moscow has irresponsibly chosen to play to historical fears and animosities."

The Americans have been alarmed by the latest increased tensions in Lebanon, especially by the Soviet decision to bring home dependents of Soviet diplomats in Beirut.

U.S. officials, moreover, yesterday confirmed reports that Syria now appears to have close to 50,000 troops in Lebanon — an increase of more than 10,000 over recent weeks. The PLO, they said, has also returned many of its forces to Lebanon, including some of those who were expelled from West

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War fears in Lebanon seen as Syrian tactic

Bid to extort better deal for own pullback

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent

Recent inter-communal fighting in Lebanon and the apparent increase in tension along the front with Syria are part of a predictable process, defence experts said yesterday. They say the Syrians have in fact started a negotiating process to try and achieve the best possible terms in return for their agreeing to withdraw.

To achieve this end, these experts feel, the Syrians, together with the Soviet Union, are employing "psychological pressure" on Lebanese President Amin Jemayel's government to extract the best terms possible. "We just have to remain calm and sit this through," they said.

Defence sources said the chances of war between the two countries "are about the same they were two weeks ago, two months ago, and even two years ago."

There have been no radical changes in the deployment of either force in the Bekaa, according to the sources, and military movements there have been "normal and unspectacular." They confirmed that the terrorists have moved more men into Lebanon from Syria, but said again that these movements were not unusual.

"They come and go all the time, but people tend to take more notice of them now, given the public climate of tension following Israel's agreement to pullback terms," the source said.

The essence of these remarks was confirmed by the Defence Ministry spokesman, who said last night that he could point to nothing irregular.

Sources also tended to downplay the importance of the Soviet Union's apparent decision to withdraw non-essential embassy staff from Beirut.

"They withdrew their families from Damascus last year when Moslem Brotherhood activity reached a peak, and we have not yet seen any indication that they have done the same in either Jordan or Syria," The Post was told.

Nevertheless, the IDF is making all necessary provisions for any eventuality, the source said. He denied that this meant that Israel had bolstered its forces in any significant way, but just that the IDF has "taken necessary precautions."

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Staff

Political sources in Jerusalem said last night that in spite of the tension with the Syrians in Lebanon and the evacuation of Soviet diplomats' families from Beirut, they believe that the Syrians do not aim to go to war with Israel.

The sources hope that the agreement between Israel and Lebanon will be signed by next week, and they assess that the Syrians will make several demands in return for agreeing to withdraw their forces from Lebanon. They will ask for an increase in the financial aid from Saudi Arabia, renewal of aid from the U.S. and special arrangements in Lebanon, say the sources.

It was also learned last night that Prime Minister Menachem Begin will be officially invited to visit Washington, probably directly after the signing of the agreement.

The tension in Lebanon, which is seen by Israeli officials as a Syrian attempt to exert pressure on Beirut to refrain from signing the agreement, has not interrupted the clarification talks between Israel, Lebanon and the U.S. aimed to complete the document.

Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir said yesterday in an interview with Israel radio that the agreement would be signed within several days in Netanyahu by the heads of the three delegations at the

talks: Morris Draper, David Kimche and Antoine Fattal.

Special American envoy Philip Habib returned yesterday from Beirut and will hold a meeting with foreign minister Yitzhak Shamir early today. Yesterday, Habib met the Foreign Ministry Director General David Kimche, and the two discussed Lebanon's response to the clarifications dealing with the security arrangements, the joint patrols and the status of UNIFIL.

Israeli and American sources expect that after long and intricate negotiations, Syria will agree to withdraw its forces from Lebanon. The sources emphasized that the negotiations will be directly between Lebanon and Syria. They expect President Amin Jemayel to meet with Syria's President Hafez Assad after the signing of the agreement.

The sources say that the Syrian demands will be concerned with financial aid from Saudi Arabia and the renewal of U.S. aid. The Reagan administration cancelled the special aid which the Syrians had received regularly under the Carter presidency.

As to Begin's invitation to Washington, reliable sources said that in one of U.S. President Ronald Reagan's latest messages to the prime minister he specifically wrote that he hoped the two would meet shortly after the signing of the agreement.

Syria said asking \$160m. 'payoff'

Post Middle East Reporter
and Agencies

The Phalange-run Voice of Lebanon radio station said yesterday that Syria is demanding \$160 million to cover the cost of withdrawing its forces from Lebanon, as well as a security pact with Lebanon and the right to a "legal presence" in the Bekaa Valley.

There was no confirmation of the report from other sources.

Observers noted that because it originated with the anti-Syrian Phalange radio station, it should be viewed with some caution.

The observers pointed out that the Saudis have for a number of years attempted to persuade the Syrians to leave Lebanon, and the insinuated \$160m. "payoff" — a trifling sum for oil-rich Saudi Arabia and hardly large enough to significantly affect Syria's economy — would be unlikely to have much impact on a Syrian regime that yesterday continued to condemn the draft agreement between Israel and Lebanon.

Syria said yesterday that any Israeli aggression would lead to "unlimited war," and made clear its forces are prepared to fight in Lebanon if necessary.

Lebanese say Syrians fired at IDF

BEIRUT. — Syrian forces in Lebanon were reported to have fired at an Israeli plane and at Israeli emplacements near Bir Elias yesterday.

State-run Beirut Radio said a Syrian position in the hills south west of the eastern town of Zahle

fired six rounds at a high-altitude Israeli reconnaissance plane. It did not say whether the plane was hit. Firing at the emplacement came from the same area.

An Israeli military spokesman near Beirut categorically denied the attack on the plane. (Reuter, AFP)

Shamir to tell Knesset today about pact

Post Knesset Correspondent

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir will today make a government statement in the Knesset about "the political situation," which will include remarks on the agreement approved with Lebanon concerning withdrawal and security arrangements.

The Knesset presidium accepted the government's request that the reply and vote after debate on the Shamir statement be held next Monday.

The presidium also ruled that Labour's Shimon Peres, who was

slated to present an ordinary motion today on the negotiations and their outcome, will not be permitted to do so, since the topic is already covered by the Shamir statement.

A vote next Monday will enable a number of coalition MKs to get back from abroad. The coalition needs all the votes it can muster, because the three-man Tehiya faction has decided it will not vote for the agreement.

The government also hopes that by next Monday, the Lebanese government and parliament will have approved the agreement.

'Families off for holiday'—Soviet envoy

BEIRUT (AP). — Soviet Ambassador Alexander Soldatov said yesterday that families of Soviet diplomats in Beirut were sent home for summer vacation, and the move was "wrongly interpreted" here.

Soldatov spoke to reporters after a 90-minute meeting with Lebanese President Amin Jemayel concerning Lebanon's troop withdrawal agreement with Israel.

Jemayel also conferred separately with the ambassadors of the U.S., Britain, France and China on the same issue.

Asked why Soviet families were sent home from Beirut on Monday, Soldatov said, "We sent the children and students back for the summer holiday in the Soviet Union. They will join student camps at home."

Asked about various interpretations of the move by the Lebanese news media, some of which saw the departure as an indication a Middle East war might be imminent, Soldatov said through an embassy interpreter, "There is a misunderstanding. It (the evacuation) has been wrongly interpreted."

New faction under Moda'i makes plans

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i met last night at the Knesset with four of his Liberal colleagues to make further plans to break away from the party and set up a separate faction within the Likud.

Moda'i said that they worked out a list of economic and social issues "in the true Liberal spirit" that their group would attempt to advance on. He said that because of Prime Minister Menachem Begin's request, he would wait another week before making a formal announcement of the new faction. The minister said the waiting period requested by Begin was not connected to any negotiations within the Liberal Party on policy issues or appointments of his supporters.

The four others joining Moda'i were MKs Pessah Grupper, Yehuda Peruch, Pinhas Goldstein and Benny Shalit.

Teachers pleased by ministries' proposals

By LEA LEVAVI

TEL AVIV. — The teachers were pleasantly surprised by what representatives of their two unions (Histadrut Teachers Union and Secondary School Teachers Association) were told yesterday by Education and Finance Ministry officials regarding implementation of the Etzioni recommendations, according to a union official.

It was the first time both ministries had said the same thing, he remarked. The content of the ministries' message represents, in the words of Histadrut Teachers Union treasurer Pinhas Hagin, "something we can talk about."

The government has said it is ready to spend 1516 billion on implementing the Etzioni recommendations over about five years, with a few aspects of the recommendations possibly taking a year or two longer.

About a quarter of the money will be used for salary increases, another quarter for developing school conditions and facilities, and the rest

for other benefits such as incentives to teachers in slums and development towns, increments for teachers who take on special administrative or supervisory duties, in-service training (which will become an obligation instead of a right) and other schemes.

The joint committee of the two unions is meeting tomorrow after the board of each union will have had the opportunity to hear details about the government's proposals. It is assumed that the teachers will decide to enter negotiations with the government, and that talks will begin early next week.

But, this does not necessarily mean that all hurdles have been successfully cleared. The government sees its proposals as final, while the teachers see them as a basis for starting negotiations. There is also some question as to whether the average annual expenditure of 152.5b. a year includes the current fiscal year, or only the year from April 1984. The teachers want the recommendations, not least the

ones about salary raises, implemented now.

The Etzioni recommendations include obligations for the teachers, as well as rights. Teachers will have to spend more hours a week in school and will be limited to one position. The unions will have to draft a code of ethics. The teachers say they accept these and other obligations, but whether there will be disagreements when it comes to putting them into practice remains to be seen.

Secondary school teachers in Petah Tikva went on strike yesterday after not receiving their salaries. Avraham Pascal, the chairman of the Secondary Schools Teachers Association's Sharon area branch, said this is the third month running that salaries have not been paid in time.

Petah Tikva treasurer S. Cohen said that the delay has been caused by a "faulty computer." In any case, he said, only if wages are not paid by the 15th of the month can they be considered to have been illegally withheld.

New steep dive on stock market

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A huge wave of selling hit the stock market yesterday, causing all categories to fall in price. The collapse was comparable to the one at the beginning of last week, and to the one at the end of January.

Yesterday, some 95 shares were listed as "sellers only," and 176 fell

by more than 51 per cent. Only six shares rose by more than 5 per cent.

Although the commercial bank category did fall, the big three and a few other banks which support their shares remained firm, rising slightly in price. The slight fall in the commercial bank category was due to heavy selling pressure on Maritime, Finance and Trade, Israel General, some Danot shares, and FIBI.

Israeli shot to death in Gaza market

GAZA (Itim). — A 24-year-old Israeli was shot to death at short range in the main market here at noon yesterday.

Menahem Dadon was making a purchase when an unidentified man approached him, drew out a pistol, shot him in the head and then fled. The shopkeeper called police, and the area was closed off by the security forces. A number of arrests

have been made.

Two months ago, an Israeli was shot to death under similar circumstances in the Gaza market.

Dadon is survived by his wife, who is pregnant, and two daughters in Beit Hagad. Residents of the moshav in the north-western Negev last night threatened to take revenge for Dadon's death, and plan to demonstrate today.

Tamir: Lebanon accord better than Sharon's

Post Knesset Correspondent

Aluf Avraham Tamir, special adviser to Defence Minister Moshe Arens, yesterday scotched arguments by his former boss, Minister-without-Portfolio Ariel Sharon, that the agreement with Lebanon does not match up to what Sharon was in the process of negotiating and could have achieved.

Tamir told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee that the draft originally submitted to Lebanon was based on the guidelines which the cabinet laid down on October 11 last year, while the agreement as now approved "is almost identical with the document which Sharon brought back from

his visit to Beirut, except that the early-warning stations no longer appear in it."

Tamir said: "Today's agreement is in some points an improvement over what Sharon said he got. For instance, Major Sa'ad Haddad's militia, instead of being disbanded, will be made the nucleus of the southern territorial brigade."

"Haddad will supply 1,000 men to the brigade, while another 1,000 men will be mobilized from among inhabitants of Southern Lebanon."

He said that the negotiators had continually to measure everything up against the yardstick of preserving Lebanese sovereignty. He said the present agreement offers a bet-

ter prospect of assuring Israel's security than any alternative method.

Tamir listed what he called "additional safety devices" to protect Israel's northern border:

- A sizeable multi-national force deployed north of the 40-45km. zone.

- The Haddad territorial brigade deployed along the border plus another two Lebanese army brigades within the 15-45 km. security zone.

- A credible system of supervision maintained by Israel and Lebanon jointly;

- A system of communications to coordinate the anti-terror cam-

paign, of which the mode of operation is already laid down in the agreement.

He said the security arrangements provide that after Syrian and PLO withdrawal, Lebanon will remain demilitarized from all forces hostile to Israel. Foreign contingents remaining in the multi-national or international forces would be from countries with diplomatic relations with Israel.

Lebanon will report to Israel on all flights over the security zone, he said. Eight inspection teams will patrol the security zone daily, enjoying unlimited freedom of movement. After two years of implemen-

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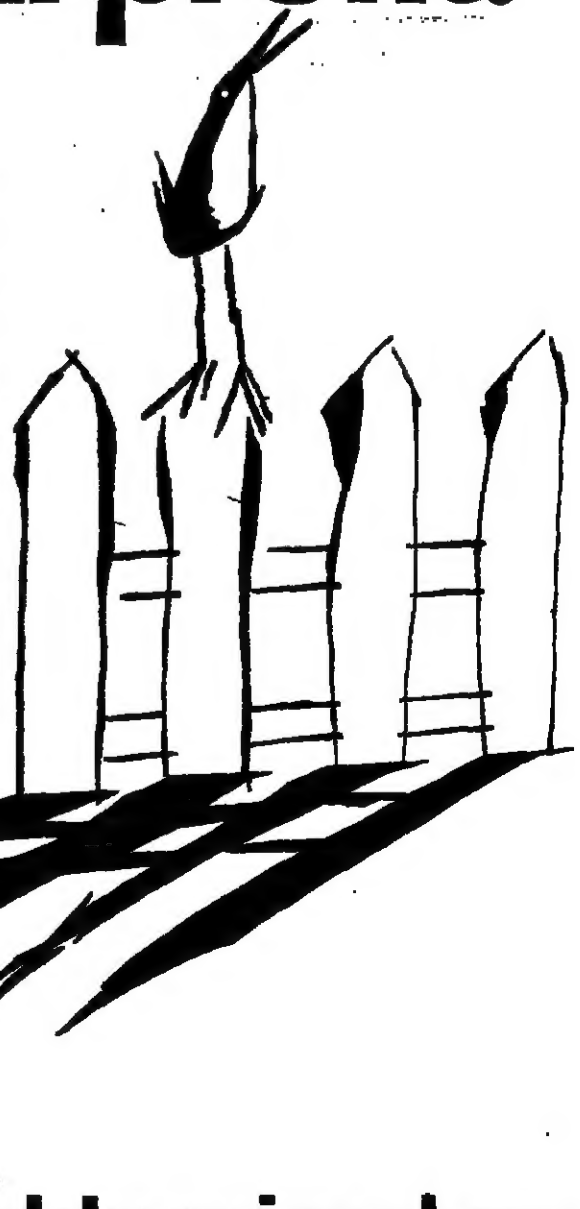
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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Cooler, partly cloudy.

Jerusalem	22	13-27	25
Golan	30	15-24	23
Nahariya	78	14-30	26
Nafarot	36	16-21	20
Hatzerim	85	18-26	26
Libnan	53	16-30	28
Nazareth	—	17-26	24
Atula	34	12-29	27
Shimon	14	15-28	26
Tel Aviv	82	18-27	27
B'g Airport	50	15-30	28
Jericho	19	24-33	31
Gaza	72	17-29	27
Beer-Sheva	23	13-32	31
Haifa	11	23-34	32

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor and Mrs. Savidor yesterday hosted for dinner in the Knesset the French Senate President Alain Pöher and Mrs. Pöher. Among the guests were Senators Canegeit, Rene Jager, and Marcel Fortier; Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, French Ambassador Jacques Dupont, MKs Sarah Doron, Eliahu Ben-Elissar, Jacques Amir and Rafi Suissa, and former Israeli envoys to France Walter Eytan and Mordechai Gazit.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin on Monday was presented with a copy of the book *The Claim of Dispossession and Jewish Settlements* by Arye Avner of Kibbutz Hagsholim, about Jewish settlers in Palestine and the Arabs in the years 1878-1948.

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev on Monday conferred honorary doctoral degrees on Dr. Cecil Sheps, a Canadian pioneer in public health medicine, Prof. Benjamin Mazar, the veteran Israeli archaeologist, and Roberta Abrams, a Ben-Gurion University patron who became the first woman so honored at the university.

Three chairs have also been dedicated during the 13th annual meeting of the board of governors: the David Berg Chair in East European History (incumbent: Prof. Shmuel Galai), the Joan and Robert Arnou Chair in Astrophysics (incumbent: Prof. Jacob Bekenstein), and the Sir John and Lady Cohen Chair in Business and Industrial Management (incumbent: Prof. Nahum Pöher).

Alain Pöher, president of the French Senate and honorary president of the French Academies of BGU, is attending the governors' meeting.

Prof. Saul Friedlander spoke on "The Nazi Police toward the Jews" at the Tel Aviv University School of History yesterday.

Michael Cohen, general manager of Israel Shipyard, will be guest speaker at the weekly meeting of the Haifa Rotary Club, No. 1 Hotel, at 1 p.m. today.

The festive opening ceremony of the International Seminar being held by WIZO Aviv will take place today, at the Rebecca Sieff WIZO House in Tel Aviv. Sixty delegates from 19 countries are attending the seminar, which was initiated by Rachel Limon, the head of world WIZO's organization department.

ARRIVALS

Mr. Arthur Baron and Mrs. Victoria Leibson of Canada, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Shalun of the U.S., Dr. and Mrs. Fred Weinberg of Canada, for the 13th board of governors meeting of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Mrs. Elie Finton, national vice-president of Pioneer Women Na'amat U.S., leading a tour group from Beverly Hills, California.

Soldier falls to death in climbing accident

GOLAN HEIGHTS (Itim). — A 19-year-old IDF soldier fell to his death on Monday while climbing in Nahal Zavitian here. Ehud Geula was from Jerusalem.

HOME NEWS

Doctors and Treasury may resume talks today

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Talks between the Treasury and striking doctors could resume sometime "today or tomorrow," doctors and Health Ministry officials involved in the negotiations said last night. All contact between the two sides has been suspended since last Thursday night.

After a second day of discussions between Israel Medical Association representatives and top Health Ministry officials, the doctors yesterday expressed willingness to renew the wage talks "at any time."

But when Health Minister Eliezer Shostak called the Treasury yesterday morning to try to arrange a meeting later in the day, he was told that Treasury officials "were very busy with the teachers and had no time" to meet with the doctors, sources told *The Jerusalem Post*. If the negotiations are renewed, it will be either this evening or sometime tomorrow, the sources said.

The Treasury spokesman was unavailable for comment last night. The IMA has postponed its planned intensification of the strike, at least until after Sunday's weekly cabinet meeting, when Shostak and Finance Minister Yoram Aridor are due to present their proposals for ending the 71-day-old strike.

However, the IMA leadership is

having a difficult time restraining the growing number of doctors pressing for an immediate broadening of the strike to force the government into settling the dispute.

"When the hospital doctors decide to get up en masse and leave the hospitals — and that day isn't too far off — the results will be unimaginable. And no back-to-work orders in the world will get them to return until this thing is settled," a senior IMA official said last night.

Aside from mass resignations, other plans under consideration include "leaving the country en masse," taking a leaf from a doctors' strike in Belgium several years ago when similar tactics were used, the official said.

In other developments, a petition signed by 11,000 Haifa residents demanding medical services in the Kupat Holim health clinics similar with those being provided in hospitals was sent by the Haifa Labour Council to Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday.

In Kiryat Shmona, about 150 residents demonstrated outside the local municipality yesterday, condemning the government and the Histadrut for apathy in dealing with the doctors.

They also protested against the closure of the local emergency ward, necessitating a journey to the hospital in Safad.

Five Ohana killers get 11-13 years

RAMALLAH (Itim). — Sentences of 11 to 13 years imprisonment were passed yesterday on five young men found guilty of throwing stones at the car in which Esther Ohana was travelling three months ago, causing her death.

The local military court sentenced Mohammed Sabih, 20, Ahil Abu Alim, 21, and Hassan Almahraza, 19, to 13 years each, and two 17-year-old minors to 11 years each, for the killing of Ohana on the Beersheba-Hebron road. All five were from the village of Dahariya south of Hebron.

Ohana's relatives exploded in

anger when the sentences were read out, and her brother tried to attack the prisoners. Order was swiftly restored, and the prisoners were hustled out.

The court ruled that the offence was a serious one, and called stones "as dangerous as bullets." It was noted that the youths hid behind a wall and threw the stones deliberately at passing Israeli vehicles.

The only reason for not giving the maximum possible sentence, said the court, was the age of the defendants.

TAMIR

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Victor Shemtov (Alignment-Labour). The negotiations with Lebanon were a camouflage you used to cover your attempt to achieve your political objectives.

Benny Shalit (Likud). We had no other option but to attack the PLO because we could not continue living under "a balance of fear."

Yossi Sarid (Alignment-Labour). Your agreement depends on a central government which does not exist and a Lebanese army which does not exist. A few dozen IDF soldiers are supposed to overcome the terror which our entire army cannot cope with today.

Pinhas Goldstein (Likud). The opposition limited the government's freedom of maneuver in the negotiations and exploited the casualty figures for political ends.

Shlomo Hillel (Alignment-Labour). How will the Lebanese prevent terrorists infiltrating, under the agreement, if they are unable to do so today?

Mordechai Gur (Alignment-Labour). This present debate is about the collapse of a concept. We're not supposed to tell you what we would have done better, because we don't have to solve problems after you have created them.

Haim Bar-Lev (Alignment-Labour). One cannot separate a war from its outcome. The war was a wretched result. It is perhaps symbolic that the man you will send to represent us in Beirut, Uri Lubrani, is a *Mapai*nik of the old school.

JUDGE

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The accused maintained that he abused and assaulted the clerk because of the delay in refunding him money which had been wrongly obtained by an attachment order of the court.

When the defence counsel said the licensing office invited his wife to come and arrange the matter, the judge expostulated: "Of course they did. They invite everyone for every little stupid problem. They want people to lose a day's work over something that can be arranged with a brief phone call." (Itim)

Jerusalem night parade

Jerusalem Post Reporter
President Chaim Herzog and his predecessor Yitzhak Navon, together with the current and former chief rabbis last night joined in the festivities at Yeshivat Merkaz Harav, Kiryat Moshe, prior to the students' annual midnight Jerusalem Day parade through the streets of the capital to the Western Wall.

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A few dozen American, British, Australian, South African and French families living together in Mevo Tinnu, in Jerusalem's Ramot Eshkol neighbourhood, yesterday celebrated the "Bar Mitzva" (13th year) of their immigration to Israel with a New York-style block party in the parking area outside their buildings. (Rahamin Israeli)

Banker 'hoaxed' into giving up cash

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The manager of the Bank Leumi branch in Ramat Aviv's Rehov Brodetsky claims he fell victim to a hoax and handed over about \$130,000 to robbers who threatened to blow up the bank and shoot him if he did not pay up.

Near closing time on Monday, bank manager Moshe Atzmon says he was on his way out when he was detained by a telephone call. An ominous voice told him that a booby-trapped car, with 250 kilograms of explosives, "the same amount which blew up the American Embassy in Beirut," was parked just outside the bank. In addition, the voice said, a sharpshooter was aiming a gun right at the manager's head and would shoot him if he did not obey instructions.

The anonymous caller then reportedly instructed Atzmon to collect the money from the bank's safes and walk out, following arrows marked on the road until he

reached a circle. He was then to put the bag with the money in the centre of the circle, return to the bank and not make a move for 10 minutes. Atzmon told police.

Atzmon said he did as he was told. But when the 10 minutes were up he called the police from his sister's apartment on the fourth floor of the bank building, because he believed the caller's warning that all the bank's telephones were being tapped.

When police reached the bank they found no trace of the robbers or of the money bag. Police questioned two temporary employees, but still have no hard clues.

Bank Leumi's security department is investigating the incident. Itim reported yesterday. The bank's spokesman said that Atzmon was caught in a difficult situation, and that it is not always possible to make a considered judgment on how to act in such cases.

SOVIETS, SYRIANS

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Beirut last September. Israel, they added, has not yet mobilized its army, although it, too, is said to have increased its military presence in Lebanon in recent days.

"There has been some movement of Syrian forces and personnel into Lebanon but no sign that Syria is preparing to attack," said Rombarg. "There clearly has been some reinforcement of PLO forces into Syrian controlled areas of Lebanon," he added. He declined to provide specific figures.

The close proximity of Israeli and Syrian forces in Lebanon has created a "persistent threat of renewed hostilities," he said, noting that this situation has existed since Israel first moved its forces into Lebanon last June.

The Israeli charge d'affaires in Washington, Benjamin Netanyahu, met yesterday with Under-Secretary of State for Political Affairs Lawrence Eagleburger to exchange information on the latest developments in Lebanon. There has been very close U.S.-Israeli coordination regarding the clearly tense situation in recent days as both countries try to salvage the Shultz deal.

Meanwhile in Paris, U.S. Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger arrived for a low-key, 48-hour visit which will include a meeting with Saudi Arabian Defence Minister Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz.

Defence department spokesman Henry Cato told reporters in Washington on Monday that Weinberger planned to appeal to Prince Sultan for Saudi help in persuading Syria to withdraw its troops from Lebanon. Saudi Arabia provides substantial economic aid to Syria.

U.S. Embassy officials in Paris yesterday confirmed that Weinberger had arrived but declined any further comment on his visit.

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz yesterday called on the Soviet Union to take another look at the Lebanese-Israeli withdrawal agreement and "get on the side of peace in Lebanon."

He told a news conference in Paris that the best way for the Soviets to do this would be to join other countries in calling on Syria to withdraw its troops from Lebanon.

Shultz met reporters at the end of a ministerial meeting of the 24-nation Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Probe of alleged book burning in W. Bank

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The attorney-general's office and the Judea/Samaritan civil administration are investigating a complaint by the Association for Civil Rights in Israel that on at least two occasions security officers have burned private libraries in the territories.

Both incidents allegedly took place last November. Affidavits regarding the cases have been in the hands of both government bodies since January.

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'Messiah' barricades self, family in Yad Eshahu flat

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A 43-year-old man here yesterday locked himself and his five children in their Yad Eshahu flat, threatening to commit suicide if anyone tried to break in. Marko Cohen, told police he was armed with two swords, an Uzi sub-machine gun and hand grenades. He maintains that he will remain in the apartment until Sunday May 15, when he says he is due to become the messiah.

Hundreds of police from the special anti-terror squad yesterday surrounded the flat and set up a command headquarters in an apartment across the street. They cordoned off the area and closed it to traffic.

The district police intelligence officer and psychologist, who established contact with Cohen and

his eldest son, a 19-year-old soldier, recommended that the police not break into the flat or take any drastic measures.

The affair, which the police term a "weird one," began last week, when Cohen's wife informed the police that her husband had gone mad and believed he was a prophet. She said she had left home and was staying with friends. On Friday, Cohen himself called the police and told them that his wife had been "kidnapped and murdered."

The police detectives who knocked on Cohen's door yesterday afternoon heard the key turn in the lock and heavy furniture being moved up to block the door from the inside. Cohen shouted that he was armed, and would not open the door unless his wife was brought to him, or until Sunday, when he becomes messiah.

Druse and Christian kidnap victims released

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Israel Defence Forces officers have managed to secure the release of four Druse religious leaders and 15 Christians who had been kidnapped recently in the Shouf mountains.

A delegation of Lebanese Druse who arrived in Israel yesterday claimed that the Christians had kidnapped their religious leaders and they had then retaliated by kidnapping

the 15 Christians. The Druse said that their leaders had been humiliated by the Christians while in captivity.

Firing continued sporadically in the Shouf mountains yesterday as IDF officers persisted in their efforts to arrange a truce between the warring Christian Phalangists and the Druse. The two sides again established roadblocks around their respective areas.

Swedish envoy gets Moscow post

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Sweden's ambassador in Israel, Torsten Örn, has been appointed to the important post of Swedish ambassador in Moscow following a nearly four-year tour of office here. He will be succeeded by another senior diplomat, Sven Hårdman, whose latest post was that of under-secretary in Sweden's Defence Ministry.

At a farewell luncheon yesterday, given by Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche at the Jerusalem Plaza, Kimche said he regretted that the outgoing ambassador's friendly attitude towards Israel was not always reflected by his government. Praising Örn's professionalism, Kimche welcomed the fact that Stockholm has again appointed a senior official as its new envoy in Israel.

Violence alleged in T.A. student elections

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Ruffians tied by the Likud have been coming to the Tel Aviv University campus to tear Alternative (the student list identified with the Alignment) election propaganda off bulletin boards and to threaten and browbeat Alternative leaders and supporters. Yossi Sperling, Alternative's candidate for Student Association chairman, charged yesterday.

A Likud spokesman called the charges ridiculous, and Professor Zeev Neuman, elections supervisor, said he has only heard rumours about ruffians. He said that if the bullies come from outside the university, he would report them to the police. If they are students, he would take disciplinary action, he said.

Sperling said that if the university cannot prevent violence, there will have to be a takeover of the campus.

The elections take place on May 23.

Arioso probe panel meets in closed session

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The state commission of inquiry into the 1933 murder of Labour Zionist leader Haim Arioso met yesterday in a four-hour closed session, it was announced.

The commission's members, retired Supreme Court justice David Ben-Gurion, former Tel Aviv District Court president Max Karet, and theology professor Rabbi Eliezer Berkovits, discussed a number of requests from the public to give testimony.

Three witnesses, Rafael Golan, Arye Lukter and Professor Yosef Nedava, will be summoned to appear in open session on June 14.

Temple Mount Faithful win prayer site

The Faithful of Temple Mount will be allowed to hold Jewish prayers near the Mograbi Gate, at the southwest corner of the hill, today, Jerusalem Day, following a decision yesterday by the High Court of Justice.

The high court ordered the Jerusalem police chief to permit the movement's members to hold their planned prayer demonstration. The movement applied to the court on Monday where police refused to license the gathering.

But justices Aharon Barak, Shlomo Levin and Hannah Elovor said prayers must be held only between 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., at a distance of five metres from the Mograbi Gate and within an area fenced off by the police. The police will have discretion to limit the number of worshippers, and if they deem there is a threat to public order, may order the service cancelled or curtailed.

The police representative told the court that the police feared a disturbance of public order, since the Muslims oppose Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount which is sacred to both religions. The police also have intelligence reports indicating that thousands of Jews plan to join the prayer demonstration.

Bundestag men hear Herzog praise Haddad

Jerusalem Post Reporter

President Chaim Herzog yesterday praised the role of South Lebanon militia head Major Sa'ad Haddad and said that news media in the West have done him an injustice.

Herzog, speaking to a delegation of Social Democratic members of the West German Bundestag, said many people in the West do not understand Lebanon's complicated situation, "where everyone fights everyone else, and they don't properly value the efficiency with which Haddad works."

Haddad, Herzog said, has united the Christians and the Shia Muslims in his region, which is the only quiet area of Lebanon. (Itim)

Synagogue hut dismantled in Gilo

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem municipality yesterday dismantled a wooden hut in Gilo, which had been intended as a synagogue. The municipality said that the building was illegal and that it had not yet been used.

A large force of police safeguarded the operation, which was carried out with the assistance of the fire brigade. (Itim)

We announce with sorrow the passing of our dear and righteous father

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The Bereaved Family:
Mrs. Esther Reich will sit shiva at her home in Jerusalem.
Mrs. Tamar Kanovsky will sit at her sister's home until erev Shabbat, and then at her home in Rehovot.

In great sorrow, we announce the sudden passing of

ABRAHAM I. SPRITZER

The funeral is scheduled to take place at 5:30 p.m. at the Etz Haim Cemetery, Har Tuv, on Thursday, May 12, 1983. For confirmation of the time of the funeral, please call Tel. 052-34113. A bus will leave the Ashkenazi Synagogue, French Hill, Jerusalem, at 4:30 p.m.

Mourning by Wife, Helen; Rabbi David and Cynthia Spritzer; Rosie and Yehudah Badichi; and their families.
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TOMORROW — Haga (Civil Defence)

Exercise in South Tel Aviv

Tomorrow, Thursday, May 12, there will be a Haga exercise in South Tel Aviv.

Haga, police, fire brigade and Magen David Adom personnel will participate. During the exercise, civil defence exercises will be mounted, and the sound of sirens, and fire engine and rescue/evacuation vehicle sirens will be heard. In the event of a real attack, the sirens will sound a rising and falling note.

Jerusalem celebrates its reunification today

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The centre of the capital is likely to be crowded today as thousands of tourists, immigrants and young people arrive to celebrate Jerusalem Day.

The municipality has organized many events to mark the 16th anniversary of the reunification of the city in 1967.

The centre of town was festive yesterday afternoon, as thousands of dancers paraded from city hall to the intersection of King George and Jaffa roads. Over 10,000 Gdona youth reached town after marching 22 kilometres along five routes leading to the capital.

This morning, Mayor Teddy Kollek will host 3,000 members of municipal old-age clubs, who will be entertained at Binyanei Ha'uma. At 11 a.m., a quiz on Jerusalem will be held for elementary school children. A memorial service for those who fell at Ammunition Hill and other Jerusalem battle sites is scheduled for 3 p.m. on the hill opposite Ramot Eshkol. The Israel Museum and Rockefeller

Museum offer free entry today.

The square in front of the partially restored Hurva Synagogue is being dedicated in memory of Sir Charles Clore at 4:30 p.m. in the Old City's Jewish Quarter.

At 7 p.m., the Jerusalem City Museum will be opened at a ceremony in David's Citadel, where the Jerusalem Foundation has been digging to uncover archaeological finds going back thousands of years. President Chaim Herzog and a distinguished delegation from Britain, including members of the Clore family, will be among those attending. The municipality has also produced a musical play, *David*, about the biblical King David, to be presented in the Sultan's Pool at 9 p.m. Tickets cost IS250.

Over 600 immigrant students will take part in tours of Jerusalem being organized by the Absorption Ministry. The Jewish Agency and the ministry have invited 4,000 new olim to an entertainment show in the Mt. Scopus amphitheatre.

At 5:30 p.m., a thanksgiving assembly will be held at the Western Wall, attended by the chief rabbis.

Tomorrow, some 2,000 youngsters will gather in Liberty Bell garden at 4 p.m. for entertainment and dancing. Kollek will dedicate the Wiener garden in Ramot Eshkol at 5:30 p.m. The garden offers play facilities and greenery planted around the burial site of a respected Jewish family from the Second Temple period.

The Zionist Council this week held the first meeting of a "lobby" for Jerusalem. Nissan Harpaz, chairman of the Jerusalem Labour Council and head of the lobby, said that at least 1,000 young couples leave Jerusalem each year because of the high cost of housing and the lack of employment in the city. The lobby called for all government offices in Tel Aviv to be moved to Jerusalem.

Meanwhile, in a move unprecedented in any state legislature, the New York State Assembly and Senate this week unanimously adopted resolutions commemorating the reunification of Jerusalem. JTA reports from Albany, the state capital. Consul-general Naphtali Lavie was recognized as a special guest on the floor of each chamber.



Rod Stewart

Rod Stewart to rock here during July

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — British rock star Rod Stewart is due in Israel on July 20 for two mass performances in the Ramat Gan Stadium as part of a tour of Europe, South Africa, Australia and the Far East.

Stewart will be accompanied by a team of 40, including a seven-member band and technicians who look after the musical equipment. The technicians are those who accompanied the Rolling Stones and Pink Floyd on their recent tours.

Part of the stadium will be closed off during the shows on July 21 and 23, so that only 30,000 spectators will be let in on each day, instead of the usual 50,000. Some of the spectators will be seated on the football field, impresarios Shmuel Zemah and Haim Slutsky said.

Stewart, who is famous for his songs *Tonight's the Night*, *I Am a Singer*, *Young Turks*, *Passion* and dozens of others, has released eight albums.

Fans from Cyprus, Greece and Egypt are reportedly planning to come to Israel for the performances which will cost IS900 IS1,200 a ticket.

Gaza boy killed

GAZA (Itim). — A 13-year-old boy from the Mu'azi refugee camp near here was killed on Monday when a wall he was building with his father collapsed on him. Mas'ud Sa'id was constructing a wall in the courtyard of a house, when it started to collapse.

Two-seas project could be profitable

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two groups of foreign experts who have checked the cost-benefit figures for the Mediterranean-Dead Sea Project have said it is economically viable.

An American consulting firm recently examined the savings to the country's electric power system that the project is supposed to provide, and found that calculations of the MDP Company underestimated the direct benefits by \$200-300 million. The company contends that the hydroelectric project channelling water from the Mediterranean to the Dead Sea will save hundreds of millions of dollars in fuel and render unnecessary some planned investments in future power plants.

The figures published by the MDP company over the last several months have projected a profit ranging from about \$20m. to \$400m., depending on interest rates prevailing when the project is implemented. The cost is estimated at \$1.5b.

Several months ago, an international review panel found the company's cost estimates for the project — which will include a 20-kilometre canal, an 80-km. tunnel and an 800 megawatt power plant — to be "reasonable." It also noted that the project's overall design is "workable and practical," and has taken into account potential uncertainties in digging the tunnel, which is a major part of the cost.

The MDP company is now checking a proposal by the Energy Ministry's chief scientist Prof. Haim Elata to disperse with the canal and tunnel in the first stage of the project, and build only the hydroelectric plant at the Dead Sea, to be operated on a "pumped storage" basis.

Pumped storage entails using cheap night-rate electricity to pump water to storage pools above the power plant, and releasing the water to generate electricity during the daylight hours of peak demand. The main drawback of the method, widely used in Europe and the U.S. to provide peak demand power, is the considerable power loss from pumping. The Electric Corporation has been considering building a 300-megawatt pumped storage plant at the Kinneret in the early 1990s.

The major question mark hanging over Elata's idea, which would cost only a third of the entire MDP, is the possibly corrosive effects of the mineral-rich Dead Sea water on the power plant's turbines. MDP director Uri Wirzburger said recently that he did not believe that Dead Sea water could be used to spin the turbines of the hydroelectric plant, but that pumped storage might be incorporated into the complete project at a later stage using Mediterranean water.

Technion names head of PR and fund-raising

HAIFA. — Arnold Sherman, a former communications adviser to the finance minister who came to the Technion six months ago to advise its new president on reorganizing the institution's public relations and fund raising department, has now been appointed head of the department.

The Technion announced yesterday that Sherman, who was also formerly spokesman and vice-president for public affairs at El Al, has been nominated as executive vice-chairman of the Technion's board of governors.

2 Tel Aviv beaches closed to bathers

The Tel Baruch beach in Tel Aviv is a danger to bathers because of waste matter emptied into the sea near the Reading power station, the Health Ministry announced yesterday.

The Riviera beach at Bat Yam is also closed to bathers until hygienic facilities there are repaired, the ministry said.

The Basso beach is temporarily out of bounds to bathers until the health authorities are certain that it is contamination-free. Dumping of wastes into the sea in the area ceased only recently.

Falashas' plaint on money, housing

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — A group of 22 young Falashas from Ofakim, students at the Practical Engineering College here, said on Sunday that they are not receiving sufficient monthly allowances and claimed they are hungry. They also complained that they are not being given sufficient help to obtain permanent housing.

But Knesset members visiting this town were impressed with the way the Falashas had integrated into Israeli society.

Absorption Ministry spokesman

Yamini Ben-Dor, who was with the MKs on their visit, said that the problems stem from a lack of clarity regarding the functions of the ministry and the Jewish Agency.

In Beersheba, the head of the ministry's southern region, Haim Raviv, said that if anything, there is discrimination in favour of the Falashas. According to him, they get more privileges, more money, and more help than any other group.

He explained that they are not interested in moving to available permanent apartments. He added, however, that "all who work have

permanent housing and all who have permanent housing work."

He said that students who complained of poor allowances were those who did not turn up for classes, since they are paid only for days of study. "This is to educate them to build up good work habits, because that's the way it is in the work force."

Professor George Markowitz, head of the college, said that his Falasha students unfortunately spend all their allowances at the Be'er Sheva market instead of buying food. There are 160 Falasha students at the college.

Customs waived on Ofira Navon's car

Ofira Navon, wife of the former president, has bought an Oldsmobile without paying customs after the Customs Authority turned down her offer to pay the tax, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

The Navons offered to pay the IS1 million customs on the IS2.25 million car, but the officials, of their own volition, said that an expatriate is exempt from paying the duty on a vehicle. The officials said that if Mrs. Navon sells the Oldsmobile, she would then have to pay the full amount.

Former president Yitzhak Navon has the use of a state-owned Volvo.

New Jewish suburb planned for northeast Jerusalem

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Housing Ministry celebrated Jerusalem Reunification Day yesterday by announcing details of a plan to create a contiguous Jewish presence in northeast Jerusalem, connecting French Hill and Neveh Ya'acov.

The ministry said the new string of housing complexes will be erected east of the Jerusalem-Ramallah road, on land expropriated in 1980. Arab localities nearby are Shu'fat, Beit Hanina and Anata.

The new site has been tentatively named Pisgat Tal, and planning activities have been undertaken by the ministry in conjunction with the Jerusalem Municipality, the Interior Ministry and the Israel Lands Administration.

A ministry spokesman said yesterday that Pisgat Tal will probably provide 1,200 housing units plus industrial, institutional and

recreational facilities. Government-subsidized flats for young couples are proposed and private contractors will be invited to build luxury apartments, villas and other one-family housing units under the "build your own home" scheme. A large retail shopping area is also planned.

Last January, the public works department began work on a network of wide-lane roads in the area. One of these will parallel the Jerusalem-Ramallah highway, another will offer direct access to the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway and a third will stretch eastward to Ma'aleh Adumim and its industrial zone.

According to the Housing Ministry, development of Jewish suburbs around Jerusalem is being given top priority in view of the fact that the Jewish-Arab population balance in Jerusalem and the surrounding villages is now one-to-one and rapidly shifting in favour of the Arabs.



Pedestrians on Tel Aviv's Allenby Street yesterday are forced to make their way around mounds of leaves and branches left by the city's gardeners, who pruned the trees the day before. (UPPA)

Wages, pension fund discussed by seamen

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Merchant Marine Officers meeting here are to decide the fate of IS2 billion which have accumulated in the union's early retirement pension fund. The Finance Ministry is holding up its operation.

The marine officers convention, held every three years, will also discuss wage amount negotiations.

"We are aware of the great difficulties of the companies, and our demands are modest, designed mainly to assure our real income," outgoing secretary Shlomo Elmor said.

The early retirement fund, which would allow officers and ratings to retire with full pension at age 55 after 25 years of service at sea, is aimed at deterring sailors from dropping out when they get married and raise families.

The fund has been in the works for the past 10 years, and everything is set to operate it, within the Histadrut's Mivtahim pension fund, but the Finance Ministry has been holding back its official approval. Some believe that the Treasury is opposed to such a large sum going to a Histadrut enterprise.

Kollek launches drive for new council majority

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

In an uncharacteristically lengthy speech yesterday, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek initiated his municipal election campaign with a plea to leading Jerusalem businessmen to guarantee him a majority on the city council. He also gave a spirited defence of his policies in a wide-ranging speech.

Kollek told the Jerusalem Economic Club that relations between religious and secular Jews are "not as bad as in the past." But

he emphasized his need for a majority on the council, as he has had during the last four years.

Explaining that the majority enabled him to oust the ultra-religious Agudat Yisrael from the coalition rather than "give into unreasonable demands," Kollek declared:

"I would rather that my party (Labour) lose five seats in the Knesset, and let the Likud have them, than see the prime minister have to spend his time looking for two votes here, three votes there, in coalition politics."

"Without a majority it is impossible to run this city — or this country," the mayor said. Municipal elections are slated for November.

The Jerusalem Law not only drove embassies out of the capital, it drove away potential businessmen, who feared that the city's status was in doubt," said the mayor. Those who voted for the Jerusalem Law did not intend to strengthen the city, they intended only to please the public," he asserted.

Kollek also dealt with Jewish-Arab relations.

"We expect too much from the Arabs," he said. "They will neither turn Zionist nor into lovers of Jews. And why should they? Do we love them? But we must live together, and that means that they must be accorded all the rights of every citizen."

The most immediate issue Kollek mentioned was the Katamon stadium. The mayor said that the football stadium, which is at present under discussion in the regional planning committee would be a "neighbourhood field." The city will have a more suitable stadium within seven or eight years, the mayor promised.

Kollek said that city hall has already begun work on finding an appropriate site for a stadium, but said he still thinks the Shu'afat site is the best.

It was Prime Minister Menachem Begin's intervention on behalf of the religious community that forced city hall to shelve the Shu'afat plan three years ago.

EXERCISE. — A civil defence exercise will be held tomorrow in the greater Tel Aviv area. In case of emergency, rising and falling sirens will be sounded.

Electricity rates up

Post Economic Reporter

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday approved a 5 per cent increase in electricity rates, retroactive to May 3. The new rate is IS2.78 per kWh.

Representatives of the Israel Electric Company told the committee that it expects to lose about IS6 billion this year. This loss will have to be covered by subsidies or by an increase in rates, the representatives said.

Company sources say that the expected losses will be the result of the present policy of raising electricity prices by only 5 per cent per month, which is below the general rate of inflation in the economy.

Italians to check on 'mass Jewish grave'

ORNAVASSO, Italy (AP).

Authorities in this northern Italian town announced yesterday they will soon start searches and digging to check the reported existence of a mass grave where "dozens of Jews" killed by Nazi troops might have been buried during World War II.

A local resident, Oreste Basso, 74, claimed that he saw Nazi SS soldiers throwing bodies into large pits in an isolated, wooded area, on the outskirts of this town near the Italian-Swiss border.

A highway is under construction in the area along the Toce River. Basso told reporters he feared that

asphalt could eliminate evidence of the mass grave.

Basso, a farmer, said Italian partisans operating in the nearby Ossola Valley in 1944 and 1945 did not trust his claims that many persons had been killed and buried here, and never searched the area.

The Jewish community of Milan reported that at least 50 Jews disappeared at Ornavasso and nearby villages in 1943 and 1944.

Isasbest strike ends

NAHARIYA (Itim). — The five-week-long strike of 500 workers at the Isasbest plant here ended yesterday following a meeting between the workers' representatives, the Histadrut and management.

Management has promised that, pending negotiations with the staff committee, it will retract dismissal notices sent to 23 workers.

THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION

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Teddy Kollek, Mayor of Jerusalem
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Zevulun Hammer, Minister of Education and Culture
Arye L. Dulzin, Chairman of the World Zionist Organization
Entertainment Program:
The Army Rabbincal Choir
Ofira Gloskah, Singer
The Pa'amel Ha'aviv Dancers
Master of Ceremonies: Amikam Gurevitz
Under the patronage of the Immigration & Absorption Dept.
tours of Jerusalem will be held for New Immigrants from all parts of the country.
11:45 The President's Residence:
Presentation of the Jerusalem Prize for Torah Education in the Diaspora
Opening Remarks:
Arye L. Dulzin, Chairman of the World Zionist Organization
On behalf of the Judging Committee:
Judge Prof. Ya'acov Bazak
Distribution of the Prizes to the Winners
Rabbi Itzhak Moshe Schiber, Buenos Aires; Marion & Bernard Picard, Paris; John Fidler, Manchester; Rabbi Meir Tabal, Israel; Rabbi Baruch Shvat, New York
Remarks by Recipients of the Prize
Remarks by the President of Israel
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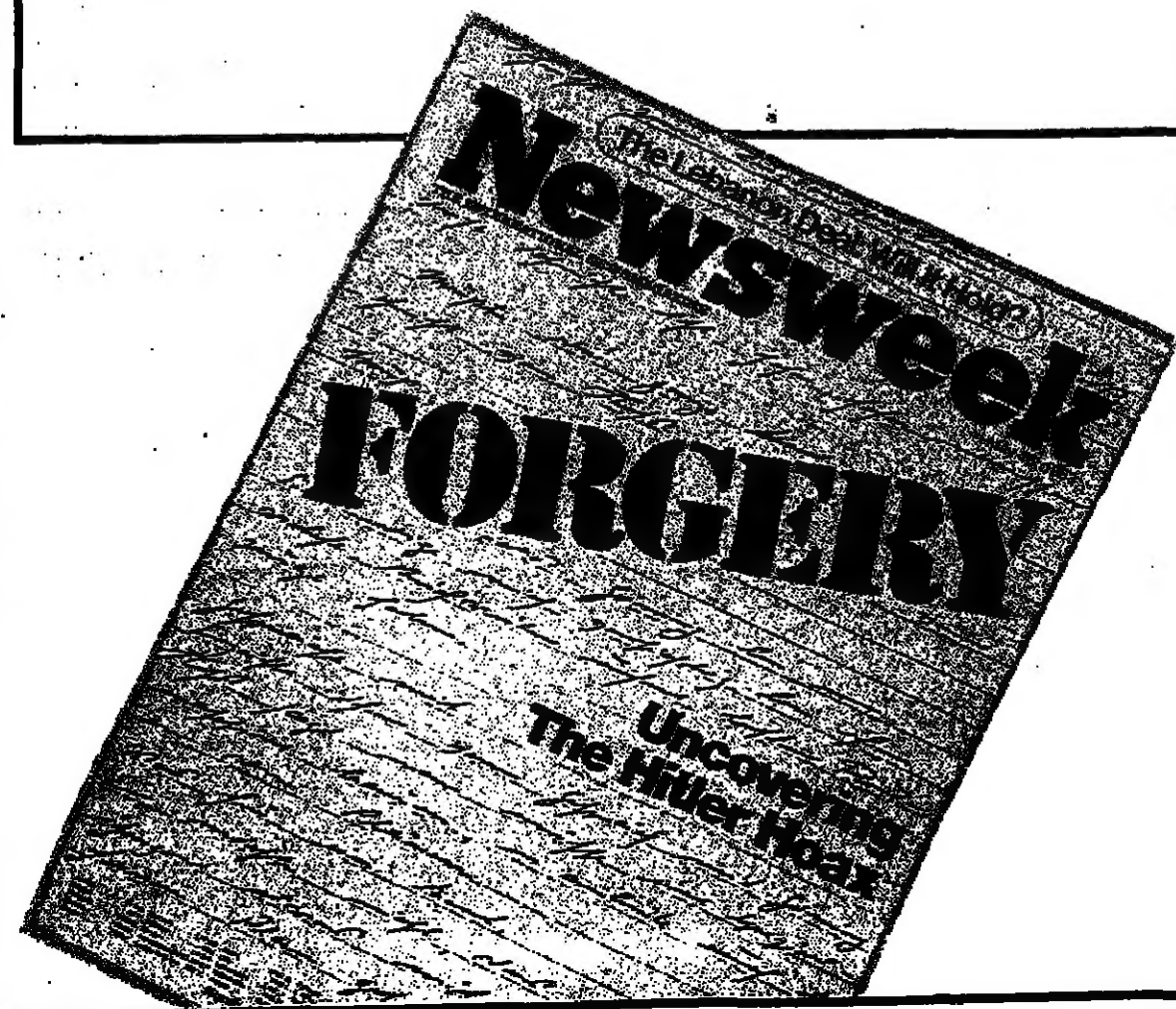
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Nuclear war would kill half world's people

GENEVA (AP). — A report released yesterday by the World Health Organization estimates that about half the world's population of 4.5 billion would be "immediate victims" of an all-out nuclear war.

The report, prepared by an international committee of 10 scientists, listed the potential toll of 1.15b. dead and 1.16b. wounded in outlining the worst of three grim scenarios which it said "do not include the extreme views."

It warned that the chances of injured survivors receiving any medical attention are "next to nil," and voiced doubt that "even a comprehensive civil defence policy would reduce significantly the number of casualties."

Compiled from various studies, the all-out scenario described in the 151-page report assumes that 10,000 megatons of nuclear bombs "are ex-

ploded all over the world, 90 per cent of them in Europe, Asia, and North America."

The report says that a war with smaller, tactical weapons totalling 20 megatons and limited to military targets in central Europe would claim about nine million dead or severely injured with the same number of people suffering less serious injuries. "Even if the attack is aimed only at military targets, the civilian casualties would outnumber military casualties by 16 to one."

In the third scenario, which supposed that the Houses of Parliament in London were the target of a single one-megaton bomb — 80 times the explosive power of the one dropped on Hiroshima — the report lists 1.3m. dead and 1.7m. injured as potential casualties.

"London was chosen as an example since its population matches

that of Hiroshima when the increase — from 12.5 kilotons to one megaton — is taken into account."

The report said that after an all-out nuclear war, "devastation to the advanced economies of the world would be virtually complete."

"All of Europe, North America, and the Soviet Union would be heavily targeted, and sources of oil, gas, raw materials, shipping and industrial centres ... would be included in the destruction," it said. "Money, banking, investment, and all the trappings of advanced economies would disappear."

The post-war period would be marked by hunger and "millions would starve to death in the first few years." Smoke from huge conflagrations "could envelop much of the northern hemisphere," reducing the amount of sunlight reaching the Earth's surface.

'Stern' reporter: I was gullible

HAMBURG. — The reporter accused of fraud in the Hitler diary hoax steadfastly refused to name his source yesterday, saying he had been deceived by an embezzler who swindled Stern magazine out of DM10 million (\$17.5m.).

At a news conference in his Hamburg home, Gerd Heidemann conceded: "Of course I was gullible... but I am no Hitler researcher."

The 51-year-old journalist said he "never suspected the diaries were fake."

"How could I have recognized it was a forgery if not even the experts noticed it?" Heidemann asked.

Stern said earlier yesterday that the magazine's experts falsely concluded the diaries were genuine based on a comparison with other Nazi documents that came from Heidemann's personal archives and

are now also suspected of being phony.

But Heidemann said he offered to let the federal criminal office "cut up all the documents I gave them and analyze them chemically."

Heidemann, flanked by his Frankfurt lawyer, insisted that Stern received the 62 hand-written volumes "piece by piece" and did not pay the price in one lump sum. "They could have stopped it any time," Heidemann said.

Heidemann said the man who supplied the diaries "lives in West Germany ... Stern found him from my information..."

Heidemann appeared to contradict himself when discussing where the diary money was handed over.

At one point, Heidemann said the money was paid in West Germany. But he later said he would not deny

reports that the deal took place in Communist East Germany.

"I don't want to make a fool of myself," Heidemann said. "I've done enough of that already."

Meanwhile, the Hamburg public prosecutor said yesterday an investigation into charges by Stern against Heidemann could take months. Stern filed a lawsuit for fraud against Heidemann on Monday.

The documents, which Stern started serializing last month, were declared "blatant, grotesque and superficial forgeries" by the Federal archives last Friday.

This week's edition of the magazine appeared yesterday with an apologetic editorial by publisher Henri Nannen, but no account of the true origin of the 60 volumes of diaries. (Reuter, AP)

Sports

Showdown

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP). — Like two gunfighters in the old American West, Wayne Gretzky and Mike Bossy are loading up for the big showdown. When the Stanley Cup best-of-seven finals take place, it wouldn't be surprising to see sparks flying off the sticks of these two super-scorers.

Gretzky has led the Edmonton Oilers into their first ever National Hockey League playoff final. The record-shattering 23-year-old centre leads all this postseason's scorers with 34 points, one shy of Bossy's record. He is just off a 71-goal, 325-point campaign. The second best scoring season in NHL history — behind Gretzky's own 92-goal, 120-point season the year before.

Bossy is the consummate playoff performer. He has scored 29 goals in 14 Stanley Cup tournament games. This year, the right wing boosted the Islanders into the finals by scoring the game-winning goals in all four victories over the Boston Bruins in the Wales Conference Championship Series, tying an NHL record with nine goals in that series, including a three-goal and a four-goal night. Bossy, 26, has scored fewer than 50 goals in any of his six NHL seasons and has scored at least 40 in each of the last three campaigns.

But this year's Stanley Cup final is more than just a showdown between the League's two biggest scoring threats. It matches a team from the Canadian West against a squad from the American Northeast.

The Islanders have won the Cup three straight years and are seeking to become the first team to win it a fourth year in a row since the Montreal Canadiens in the mid-1970s.

United ups and downs
LONDON (Reuter). — Manchester United played Luton on Saturday with a 3-0 win last night.

Johnstone Paul McGrath, United's reserve central defender, scored twice in two minutes to kill the challenge of Luton, in dire danger of relegation to the Second Division after just one season in the first Irish league. McGrath scored the third. The win enabled United to complete its home league programme unblemished this season for the first time for 16 years.

Griffiths and Swann were already doomed to relegation, and the third club to drop will be Luton or one of the two teams one point above them, Manchester City and Birmingham.

Luton, whose attacking football has made it an attractive vulnerable side, travel in the second round of the first round of the League Cup, knowing defeat will be the end. It could survive with a draw, but only if Birmingham lose by four goals at Southampton.

Meanwhile, Ron Atkinson, United's manager, has been charged with bringing the game into the 1980s. An F.A. spokesman said yesterday, "Atkinson was asked to lead the team from the top line during a league match at Arsenal last week, apparently for remarks to referee Eric Goodall. The spokesman added that the club would be looking for a new manager by May 21.

Somerset in form
LONDON (AP). — Champion Somerset made a successful start to its defence of the Benson and Hedges cup one-day cricket competition on Monday, leading by 20 runs at the end of the first day, chasing a target of 251 for 7 on Saturday.

For the second day running, rain prevented completion of the matches at Chesham between Dorsetshire and Yorkshire and at Edgbaston between Lancashire and Warwickshire. Each side took one wicket. At the end of the first day, Somerset led by 20 runs.

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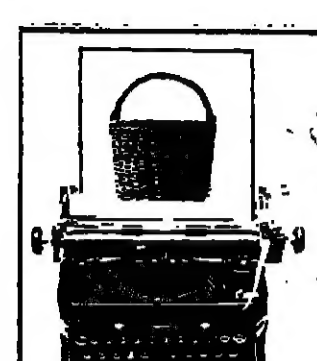
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Better than Drake
NEWPORT, Rhode Island (AP). — French star Philippe Jeantot sailed his 17m. centerboarded sailboat to the early morning glory on Monday to a new world record and victory in the IOC Challenge Single-Handed Sailing Race around the World.

Unaware his unofficial time of 159 days, 2 hours and 26 minutes had eclipsed the old mark by 10 days, Jeantot held off until daylight to cross the finish line at Breton Tower, where about 20 spectator boats hailed his arrival with horns and bells.

Baseball: Monday
American League
Seattle 4, Baltimore 4; Boston 8, California 2; Toronto 6, Chicago 1. Only games scheduled.

National League
Montreal 5, Atlanta 3; Houston 6, New York 4; Pittsburgh 5, San Diego 14; St. Louis 4, Los Angeles 4; Chicago 3, San Francisco 5, St. Louis 4.



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Britain's political parties prepare for June election

LONDON (Reuter). — Britain's political leaders conferred with their key advisers yesterday to map campaign strategy for next month's snap general election.

Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who called the election a year before her five-year term is due to end, summoned her ministers to a special Cabinet session to clear up outstanding government business.

At the same time, opposition leader Michael Foot met his shadow cabinet, the team of parliamentary spokesmen who will form the government if the Labour Party wins the June 9 poll.

Social Democrat Roy Jenkins and Liberal David Steel, whose middle-of-the-road alliance is trying to break the domination of the two major parties, also conferred with their top aides.

Political sparring in the campaign, which starts officially on Friday when parliament is dissolved, was surprisingly subdued after some sharp exchanges on Monday.

Thatcher and her aides said the election was called to end uncertainty, which they claim is delaying potential investment in the country. But pre-election jitters softened the pound sterling on foreign exchange markets and depressed share prices.

All the main contenders for office have identified unemployment and the economy as the key issues of the month-long election campaign.

The Thatcher government has seen unemployment soar to more than three million, 13 per cent of the work force, as it concentrated on reducing inflation from a peak of nearly 22 per cent a year after the 1979 election to the present 15-year low of 4.6 per cent.

Andropov reaffirms backing for nuclear-free Scandinavia

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Soviet leader Yuri Andropov yesterday reaffirmed his country's backing for a nuclear-free zone in northern Europe.

In a set of answers published by the official Tass news agency, Andropov said the Kremlin unconditionally backs the long-standing Finnish proposal for such a zone. He added that it was important that any "loopholes" for the appearance of nuclear weapons in such a zone should be closed.

NATO members Norway and Denmark say they will not allow nuclear weapons on their territory in peacetime, but have strong reservations about the Finnish proposal.

Andropov's answers, which Tass said were in reply to questions from unspecified "Finnish public organizations," followed closely the wording of a statement his predecessor Leonid Brezhnev made on the same subject in June 1981.

He said Moscow would promise not to use nuclear weapons against countries which join a northern European nuclear-free zone.

He appeared to rule out the inclusion of any part of Soviet territory in such a zone. But in areas adjacent to the zone, Moscow would be prepared to consider "certain quite substantial measures" to strengthen

the nuclear-free status of northern Europe.

In 1981, Brezhnev made a similar commitment, omitting the word "substantial," but Moscow never elaborated on how far it was prepared to go in thinning out its own nuclear forces.

The Kola peninsula, which borders Finland, is a major military base area, and the port of Severodvinsk, near Murmansk, is one of the Soviet Union's biggest naval bases.

There was no explanation for the timing of yesterday's publication, but one theory was that it was designed to counter the impact of public opinion in the Nordic countries of recent hunts for presumed Soviet submarines off the Norwegian and Swedish coasts.

In the U.S., President Ronald Reagan, in one of his strongest attacks on Congressional critics, said Monday night that further rejection of the controversial MX missile would seriously damage U.S. security.

Reagan said in a speech in Ashland, Ohio, that the Soviet Union has improved, developed and deployed more than a dozen new intercontinental ballistic missile systems, while the U.S. is still only thinking about a single, smaller version.

Computer used in archeological dig

CINCINNATI (AP). — University of Cincinnati archeologists say they have taken high technology to an ancient civilization. They are using a microcomputer to keep track of artifacts uncovered in an archeological dig in Cyprus.

"Although the value of using the computer is cumulative, it has been an enormous help already in the first season in compiling and sorting the lists which are an inescapable part of an excavation," said Gerald Cadogan, director of the UC project at Maroni.

He said the computer has helped uncover new information about early civilization by "showing up mistakes soon after they occur — like people labeling things twice, for example, and in recording the data in an easily retrievable way."

You list things in the exact order you find them, but that's not always how you want to study them," Cadogan said. "The computer can keep that order while at the same time calling up a file on what wall goes with what floor, or what architectural features are common throughout the site, or what types of pottery are found in baskets. "It eliminates a room full of card files," he said.

Paris poll shows Mitterrand's support falling

PARIS (Reuter). — Francois Mitterrand was given fresh indication of his waning popularity yesterday in an opinion poll published on the second anniversary of his election as France's Socialist President.

The poll, published by the weekly Paris-Match, indicated that he had lost the support of one in five of the voters who helped him to defeat then president Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL:
8:15 The History of Eric's Yisrael 8:40 English 8:50 To Jerusalem 9:20 In the Gates of Jerusalem 9:40 Ma Pitom 10:10 English 10:25 Literature 10:40 City of David 11:00 Rehov Hanevi'im 12:00 Geography 5-6 12:30 The Meyuhavim Family of Jerusalem 13:00 Science 9-12 13:35 English 4 13:00 Everyman's University: Jerusalem throughout the Ages: Viewpoint 16:00 The Census Takers are Coming (part 2) 16:30 Pretty Butterfly 17:00 A New Evening — live magazine
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17:30 Lions in Jerusalem
18:00 Dorothy — animated film
ARABIC-LANGUAGE programmes:
18:30 News roundup
18:32 Kid's Club
18:45 Inventions and Innovations
19:00 Between Citizen and State
19:30 News
HEBREW PROGRAMMES: resume at 20:00 with a news roundup
20:03 Rishit
20:30 In Search of Mayan Mysteries — documentary series about strange occurrences
21:00 Mahat Newsreel
21:30 Mixed — weekly interview programme

ON THE AIR

Voice of music
6:03 Musical Clock
7:07 Kuhnau: Biblical Sonatas; Monteverdi: Joy, Daughter of Zion; Schuetz: Lament on Zion; Zvi Avni: Jerusalem of Above; Ezra Laderman: Jerusalem Symphony; Mozart: Davidide Penitence; Stravinsky: Psalm Symphony; Benjamin Orli: Prayer; Mendelssohn: Symphony No. 3 (Hymn of Praise); Mordchea Seter: Jerusalem Symphony
12:00 Chilla Grossmeyer, Rima Kaminkovsky, Shmuel Magen, Zohar Neuman — Haydn/Piatigorsky: Divertimento; Haydn: Scottish Songs; Claude Abrahams: Two Psalms; Mark Lavy: If I forget Thee, O Jerusalem; Brume: Trio, op. north. (live broadcast from the Jerusalem YMC'A)

First Programme

6:03 Programmes for Olim
8:05 Light Classical Music
10:05 Meeting — live family and social affairs magazine
11:10 Elementary School Broadcasts
12:10 Education for all
12:30 Sephardi songs
13:00 News in English
13:05 News in French
14:05 Children's programmes
15:55 Notes on a New Book
16:05 A Jerusalem Collage
17:15 Jewish Ideas
17:30 Everyman's University
17:53 Agricultural Broadcasts
18:05 A Jerusalem Story
18:47 Bible Reading — Job 38:15-26
19:05 Lesson in Halacha
19:30 Programmes for Olim
22:05 Citizenship (repeat)
23:05 Between Ourselves — live talk show

Second Programme

6:54 Green Light — drivers' corner
7:00 This Morning — news magazine
8:05 Open Line to Jerusalem — with Dan Kaner
13:00 Midday — news commentary, music
14:10 Discussions with guests and hosts in Jerusalem
16:05 Who knows Jerusalem? — quiz
17:10 Prayer for Jerusalem — live broadcast from the Western Wall
18:05 My Jerusalem — with Yitzhak Navon
19:00 Today — radio newsreel
19:30 Law and Justice Magazine
20:05 Songs for Jerusalem
21:10 Jerusalem in the Year 2000
22:05 Close to my Heart
23:05 Neve Ya'akov
Army
6:06 Morning Sounds
6:30 University on the Air — Prof. Shlomo Breznitz lectures on Psychology
7:07 "707" — with Alex Ansky
8:05 IDF Morning Newsreel
9:05 Right Now — with Rafi Reshef
10:05 Musical Requests — with Shira Gora
12:05 Israeli Spring — with Eli Yisrael
13:05 One and to the Point — midday magazine
14:05 Two Hours — music, anecdotes, interviews and reviews
16:05 Four in the Afternoon — Hebrew songs
17:05 IDF Evening Newsreel
18:05 Foreign Affairs Magazine

19:05 Music Today — music magazine

20:05 Foreign Language Hit Parade
21:00 Mahat Newsreel
21:55 University on the Air (repeat)
22:05 Popular songs
23:05 Soldiers' Talks (repeat)
00:05 Night Birds — songs, chat

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Eilat		
area	FM	102.9

VOICE OF AMERICA NEWS SHOWS

12:00 Kibbutz 5-6 and 8-9 a.m. — Daily breakfast show with news, popular music and interviews. 5-5:30 p.m. — News roundup. 5:30-6 p.m. — VOA Magazine Show. 6-6:15 p.m. — News in English. 11-12 midnight — VOA World Report with news, background and analysis.

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CINEMAS

JERUSALEM 4, 7, 9
Eden: The Liquidator/Edison: 48 Hrs.; Habimah: Diamonds are Forever; Kfir: Pink Floyd: Mike's Officer and a Gentleman 6.30, 9; Orgit: The Last Winter; Orion: Tootsie 4, 6.45, 9; Orna: Gandhi 4, 8; Ror: Married Couple; Semadar: The Witness 7, 9.15; Blayner: Ha'ama: Diva 7, 9; Cinema One: Confiner's Daughter 7, 9.15; Cinema 7: Les Soeurs 7: Fidel 7.15 (small hall); Stand 16.30; Israel Museum: Tom Thumb 3.30
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Alhady: La Balance; Ben-Yehuda: Pink Floyd: The Wall 4.30, 7, 9.30; Beth: Halleluiah: Sun, Tue, 5; Mon, Thur, 8.30; Cinema 1: Deus: House Mous les Quatre Avant Jesus Christ 4.40, 7.20, 9.30; Cinema 2: Victor Victoria 4.15, 6.15, 9.30; Cinema 3: Diner 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Cinema 4: Missing 4.30, 7, 9.30; Cinema 5: E.T. 4.30, 7, 9.30; Cinema One: Lonely Hearts; Cinema 7: Les Soeurs 7: Fidel 7.15 (small hall); Stand 16.30; Israel Museum: Tom Thumb 3.30
RAMAT GAN
Armon: Officer and a Gentleman 4, 7, 9.30; Lily: The Last Winter 7.15, 9.30; Orna: Dr. Zhivago 4, 8; Orion: First Blood 7.15, 9.30; Ramat Gan: Just You and Me Kid 7.15, 9.30
HERZLIYA
Tiferet: Mud Max 7.15, 9.15
NETANYA
Ethere: The Last Winter 7, 9.15
HOLON
Migdal: Officer and a Gentleman 7.15, 9.30; The Concord 4; Savoy: Pink Floyd: The Wall 4.30, 7, 9.30 (Thur. 7.15, 9.30)
RAMAT HASHARON
Star: Noah's Ark 4: Firefox 7: Four Friends 9.30

SHAVUOT is a perfect time to open your home to friends for an indoor-outdoor party. Pile some records on the stereo, set your table for a dairy buffet, and celebrate the holiday and the weather.

A buffet is a flexible way of entertaining. The menu below will serve a large crowd; subtract a dish or two for a smaller group. Quiche is the focus, while cheeses and crackers (purchased), pickles and olives (purchased), salads and a dip round out your table.

MENU

Spinach Quiche
Mushroom Quiche
Herring in Cream Sauce
Tuna Salad
Sardine Spread
Vegetable Dip in a Cabbage Rose
with Raw Vegetables
Assorted pickles and olives
Assorted cheeses
Crackers and thin-sliced bread
Pecan Tarts

Spinach Quiche
 Makes filling for two 23-cm. (9") crusts or one 28-38-cm. (11-15") crust.
 (Each quiche recipe serves 12)
 1.2 kilos spinach, fresh or frozen
 6 tbs. cream cheese, softened
 4 tbs. sour cream
 2 tbs. Worcestershire sauce
 4 tsp. prepared white horseradish
 4 tsp. salt
 2 tsp. sweet basil
 grind or two of fresh white pepper
 pinch nutmeg
 300 gr. Swiss-type cheese, grated
 1 1/2 cups Parmesan cheese, grated
 2 whole eggs
 2 egg yolks
 1 1/2 cups cream

1 or 2 single pie crusts, baked (see below)
 Cook spinach until tender. Drain off all moisture and mince. Combine cream cheese, sour cream, Worcestershire, horseradish, salt, basil, pepper and nutmeg. Add to spinach and mix well. Place the mixture in the bottom of baked pie crust.

Sprinkle both cheeses evenly over spinach mixture. With a wire whisk, combine eggs, egg yolks and cream. Pour carefully over the cheeses.

Place pie pan on a cookie sheet or a piece of foil, and bake in a preheated 190°C. (375°F.) oven for 40 minutes, or until the custard is firm. The quiche can be rewarmed in a 150°C. (300°F.) oven for 15 minutes.

Mushroom Quiche

Makes the same amount as above.
 110 gr. butter
 300 gr. onions, minced
 1 kilo fresh mushrooms, sliced
 3 tbs. lemon juice
 salt, fresh white pepper, to taste
 300 gr. Swiss-type cheese, grated
 1/2 cup milk
 1/2 cup cream
 3 whole eggs
 1 egg yolk
 1 or 2 single pie crusts, baked (see below)

Sauté onions in butter until soft. Add mushrooms, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Sauté until mushrooms are soft and the moisture has evaporated. Cool.

Place mushroom mixture in the bottom of baked pie crust. Spread cheese evenly over the top. With a wire whisk, combine milk, cream, eggs, and egg yolk. Pour carefully over the cheese.

A sumptuous spread

Quiches, fish, salads and a dip

are the focus of Jeanne Weisgal's holiday buffet feast.

Place pie pan on a cookie sheet or a piece of foil, and bake in a preheated 190°C. (375°F.) oven for 30 to 40 minutes, or until the custard is firm. Can be rewarmed as above.

Pie Crust

Follow directions carefully and I promise you the easiest crust ever. *Accurate measurements, please!*

Makes two 23-cm. (9") crusts, or one 28-38-cm. (11-15") crust.
 2 cups flour, sift before measuring
 1 tsp. salt
 4 tbs. cold water
 150 gr. margarine

Sift flour and salt into a large mixing bowl. Put 5 tbs. flour in a small bowl. Mix this with the water to make a flour paste and set aside.

With a pastry cutter, cut margarine into rest of flour until it resembles meal. Do this step thoroughly. Add the flour paste and toss with a fork. Knead, in the bowl, with your hands until the dough comes together into a ball. Cover the dough with plastic wrap and chill for 30 minutes.

Roll out dough very thinly on a lightly floured surface. Place in a pie or quiche pan(s), and flute the edges with your fingers or press the edges with the floured tines of a fork. Prick the dough on the bottom and sides with a fork. Line the crust with wax paper. Place another pie



pan (same size) on top of wax paper. Chill for 30 minutes.

Bake crust(s) in a preheated 233°C. (450°F.) oven for 10 minutes. Remove the top pie pan and carefully remove wax paper. Bake an additional 5 to 10 minutes, or until lightly browned. Cool on a rack.

Herring in Cream Sauce

8 Matjes herring filets
 2 1/2 cups milk
 600 gr. onions, thinly sliced
 2 1/2 cups white vinegar
 2 bay leaves
 510 gr. sour cream
 5-6 tbs. sugar, to taste
 Wash filets under cold, running

water. Soak in the milk for 12 hours. Drain, do not rinse, and discard milk. Cut filets into bite-size pieces and place in a large bowl.

Soak onion slices in the vinegar with bay leaves added for 12 hours. Drain, reserve vinegar for another use, and discard bay leaves. Add onions to bowl with herring. Add sour cream, 2 tbs. reserved vinegar, and 5 tbs. sugar. Mix carefully to combine well. Refrigerate 2 hours, covered. Taste and add more sugar, if needed.

Tuna Salad

6 cans tuna, drained, flaked
 2-3 tbs. lemon juice, to taste
 400 gr. onions, finely chopped
 2 1/2 cups celery, finely diced
 200 gr. dill pickles, finely diced
 1 1/2 cups mayonnaise
 salt, fresh white pepper, garlic granules, to taste
 lettuce leaves, tomato wedges, to garnish

In a large mixing bowl, mix tuna with lemon juice. Let sit for 15 minutes. Taste and add more lemon juice, if desired. Add rest of ingredients and combine well. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour. Mound and serve on a bed of lettuce leaves, garnished with tomatoes.

Sardine Spread

4 cans sardines, drained, well mashed
 7 large green onions, finely chop-

ped, including green
 3 tbs. lemon juice
 5 garlic cloves, minced
 350 gr. no-fat cream cheese
 3 tbs. yogurt
 2-3 tbs. white horseradish, to taste
 1/2 tsp. each: ground celery, dry mustard
 couple drops Tabasco
 parsley leaves, minced, to garnish
 In a medium mixing bowl, combine all ingredients and mix well. Refrigerate, covered for 2 hours. Sprinkle parsley leaves on top and serve.

Vegetable Dip in a Cabbage Rose

1 large, round, very fresh, green cabbage
 340 gr. sour cream
 170 gr. yogurt
 1 package dry vegetable soup mix
 1 small onion, finely chopped
 Approximately 6 kilos assorted fresh vegetables, cut decoratively, such as:

celery sticks
 green onions
 whole button mushrooms
 sliced radishes
 cucumber sticks
 cauliflower flowers
 green and red pepper strips
 sliced squash
 sliced kolrabi, etc.

Cut off a slice from the core end of the cabbage so it will sit straight and flat on a large platter. Cut a slice—about one-eighth of the cabbage—off the top of the cabbage. Scoop out enough of the center of it so that a two-cup dish can sit inside, slightly below the outer leaves of the cabbage. Wash the cabbage well and drain upside down.

Combine sour cream, yogurt,

soup mix and onion. Cover and refrigerate for 24 hours.
 Place the bowl inside cabbage. Pour the dip into the bowl. Place cabbage in the center of a large platter and arrange vegetables decoratively around the cabbage. Next day, wash the cabbage and use it to make a pot of soup, together with any left-over vegetables.

Pecan Tarts

These lovely little tarts are a great treat for a large party. Makes 42-48 tiny tarts.

100 gr. rich cream cheese, softened
 110 gr. sweet butter, softened
 approx. 1 cup flour, sift before measuring
 100 gr. pecan halves
 1 egg
 1/2 cup brown sugar, tightly packed
 1 tbs. sweet butter, softened
 1 tsp. vanilla

In a mixing bowl, cream together cream cheese and butter. Add enough flour, blending to make a soft dough. Chill for 1 hour.
 Break off small pieces of the dough and place in tiny, paper-lined muffin tins. Press thumb in the middle so that the dough forms little cups on the bottoms and sides of the paper cups.

Put aside enough pecan halves for each tart. Chop the rest of the pecans into small pieces. Divide the pecan pieces among the tarts, placing the nuts in the bottom of each cup.

Combine egg, brown sugar, butter and vanilla. Divide this filling among the tarts. Top each tart with the reserved pecan halves. Bake in a preheated 177°C. (350°F.) oven for 30 minutes. Cool on racks.

More recipes for Shavuot will appear on the Today page this Friday.



Second-prize winner Tamar Olivestone gets a little supervision. (Israel Talley)

Short-order cooks

Haim Shapiro sees a children's cooking contest.

WITH SUMMER coming, many of us are giving thought to keeping the children occupied.

Some parents complain that with the kids underfoot all day, it is impossible to cook. The answer may be to let them do the cooking.

Proof that youngsters can cook—and even cook well—was evident at a recent cooking contest sponsored by The Jerusalem Post's student newspaper, *Student Post* and *Hey There*, in conjunction with the Tnuva Guidance Centre.

A total of eight recipes was chosen from those sent in by young readers. The finalists gathered at the Tnuva Guidance Centre in Tel Aviv to display their talents. As might be expected, most of the entries were cakes and sweet dishes, but there were other items as well. Especially impressive were the proficiency and the dexterity with which the youngsters—most of them secondary-school students—prepared their goodies, even if in most cases Mom was around to give a helping hand.

The contest was a hard one to judge as there was a wealth of wonderful dishes, not just one which stood out.

Those dishes that won the contest were impressive looking, yet fairly simple to make (see recipes below). First place and a \$15,500 cash prize went to Larissa Masniav, 14, of the Bar-Ilan High School in Netanya, who prepared an Italian-style *manicotti*, using blintze wrappers.

A frozen cheese cake won the second prize for 12-year-old Tamar Olivestone, of the Hativat Benayim Dativ of Rehovot. Third place went to Hope Radin, 14, of Ramat Han, who prepared a zucchini bake.

For children who need somewhat simpler recipes, Amira Ofek's recently published cookbook, *Al Kaze Hamazleg* (Domino Press), contains easy-to-follow instructions for making sandwiches and spreads, though it also includes a few dishes, such as chips, which are more complicated to prepare.

In contrast to children's cookbooks published abroad, this one tends to call for fresh products rather than packaged foods. It would make an excellent gift for an eager young cook who can read.

Prize-winning recipes

Manicotti
 1 package Osem blintzes mix
 1 small bag Osem champignon (mushroom) sauce
 100 grams yellow cheese (grated)
 1 cup cream cheese
 1 teaspoon (tsp.) mayonnaise
 1/2 tsp. thyme
 2 tps. oregano
 1 small bag Osem spaghetti sauce

1 small (100 gm.) tin tomato paste
 Parmesan cheese

Make the blintzes and mushroom sauce according to the instructions on the packages. Then add cream cheese, yellow cheese, mayonnaise, thyme and oregano. Fill the blintzes and roll them.

Make spaghetti sauce according to the instructions on the bag, add tomato paste and pour over the blintzes in a dish. Sprinkle parmesan cheese over them. Bake in a medium oven for 15 minutes. Serve.

Frozen Cheese Cake

Crust:
 200 grams (gm.) Petit Beurre biscuits
 Small bowl of milk

First layer:
 2 boxes (500 gm.) 9% cream cheese
 150 gm. Gold Band margarine
 2 eggs
 1 cup sugar (200 gm.)
 2 packets vanilla sugar

Second layer:
 1 bag sweet cream
 1 tsp. sugar
 1 tsp. instant coffee
 Nuts and/or chocolate flakes
 Dip biscuits in milk and place them close together in the bottom of a freezer-proof dish.

Separate egg-whites from yolks. Combine sugar, margarine and egg yolks in a bowl. Add cream cheese and vanilla sugar. Beat egg-whites until stiff and then add them gently. Spread mixture over biscuit base and freeze for 2 hours. Beat cream until thick, fold in sugar and coffee. Sprinkle grated nuts and/or grated chocolate on top. Freeze.
 Remove from freezer just before serving.

Zucchini Bake

3 beaten eggs
 2 cups Tnuva cottage cheese
 1 cup Tnuva sour cream
 1 cup dill
 1 tsp. salt
 Dash of black pepper
 6-8 medium zucchini (marrows)

You may also add:
 1 package sliced Gush Halav cheese. Crushed corn flakes.
 Wash marrows, slice and put in pot. Cover with water, cook about 10 minutes (until just soft), and drain.

Mix eggs, cottage cheese, sour cream, salt, pepper and dill in a large bowl. Add cooked marrows. Grease a baking dish and put mixture in it. Put slices of cheese and corn flakes on top. Bake at medium heat for about 40 minutes. Makes six portions.

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Head of Phoenix Insurance foresees rise in car premiums

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Car insurance rates have to rise. David Hachmey, chairman of Phoenix Insurance, said yesterday at a press conference on the company's financial statements for 1982. He pointed out that although Phoenix had had a good year, due mainly to its income from life insurance, its elementary insurance (cars, fire, theft) had been a money-loser. But despite a \$157 million loss in this area, Phoenix's consolidated profit and loss statement showed a net after-tax profit of \$157.5m., an 11 per cent real increase over the previous year.

If the firm's statements were drawn up in line with recommendations of the chamber of C.P.A.s, the net after-tax profit dropped to \$130.5m., compared to \$151m. at the end of 1981.

Hachmey announced that the firm was issuing a 17.5 per cent final cash dividend, which together with the 15 per cent cash interim dividend brought the total cash dividend to 32.5 per cent. Moreover,

bonus shares of 150 per cent were being issued. This compared with 100 per cent bonus shares in 1981, and a 27.5 per cent cash dividend.

Asked how the company's reinsurers abroad took the losses in elementary insurance, he noted that their profits on life insurance more than compensated them.

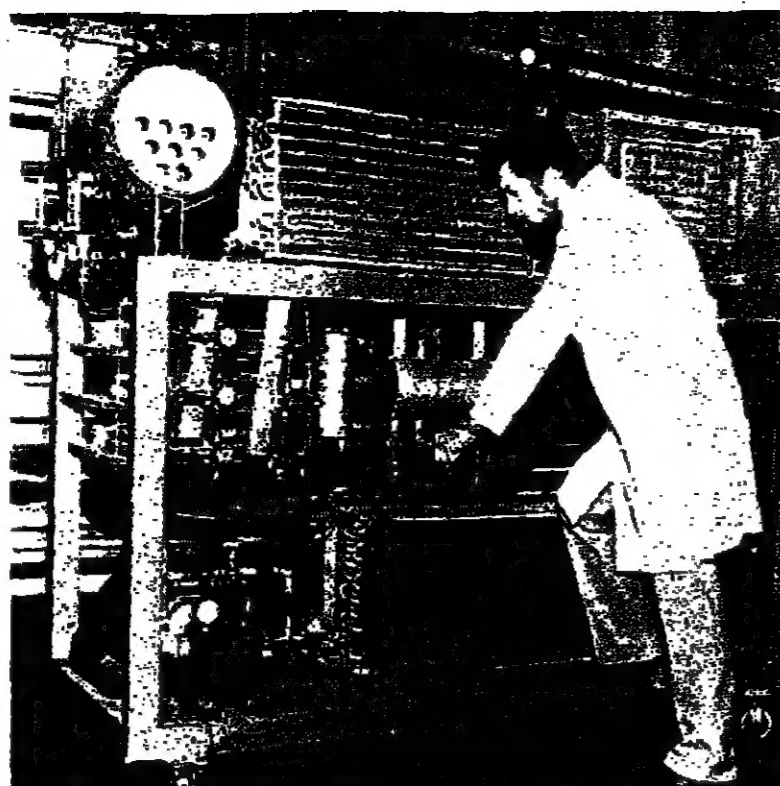
Losses in elementary insurance were due mainly to claims for vehicle damage. These losses would have been much greater if the firm had not made \$248m. from investments.

Hachmey noted that Phoenix was earmarking \$151m. for "special risks," which he defined as "war risks, especially property damage."

He admitted that the statements were not a true reflection of the real value of the company, for the value of bonds was about \$1730m. above that registered in the books.

Income from registration fees and premiums grew by 4.5 per cent in real terms, to stand at \$22.260m.

Administration and other costs declined considerably due to the introduction of computerization.



Prof. Mordechai Sokolov adjusts a valve on the experimental installation for his novel and petrol-saving air conditioning unit, for automobiles.

Elscent poised for new R & D law

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HERZLIYA. — Elscent, which makes some of the world's most sophisticated computerized medical diagnostic equipment, expects to be the first company to float an issue on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange under the new R & D Investment Law. This was stated by company President Abraham Suhani at the firm's main plant in Haifa recently. Elscent shares are now traded on the New York stock market, but not in Israel.

Although the law is only in its final stages of passage in the Knesset, Elscent has already submitted a prospectus in the sum of \$61.5 million, so that any minor problems that might arise in regard to the issue can be ironed out immediately.

Under the proposed R & D Investment Law, any company which invests at least \$10m. a year in R & D, and which has exports of \$30m. a year, can float such an issue.

Investors will receive tax benefits of up to 60 per cent. However, the

price of each investment package, which will consist of shares, options and bonds will be high enough to take this income tax reduction into account. The real "yield" will come from the growth in value of the shares and of the options, which can be converted at 15 per cent below the market price of the shares.

According to calculations by Elscent, the real net yield will range from 27 to 29 per cent a year.

Any company which floats such an issue will no longer be able to apply for help from the Chief Scientist in the Ministry of Industry and Trade, which at present finances some 50 per cent of approved industrial R & D projects. However, the Chief Scientist's office could not provide the large sums needed by such companies as Elscent, or of other companies which meet the requirement of the new law, such as Tadiran, Israel Aircraft Industries, and Scitex.

Elscent's main sales at present come from three types of medical diagnostic equipment: computerized tomography (CT scan-

ner), nuclear medical imaging, a ultrasound.

Revenue from these items (mainly from the CT scanners and nuclear imaging) came to \$72m. in 1981/82, and rose to \$110m. in 1982/83.

"Sales from these three items are expected to peak in 1985/86, a then decline," said Suhani. However, we soon expect to have two new computerized techniques — digital radiography and nuclear magnetic resonance on the market which will ensure that our sales continue to grow at a rate of about ten per cent per year."

Digital radiography enables a physician to see more detail throughout the body, with a computer used to analyze the diagnostic X-ray images. The machine helps the doctor find blockages, tumours and malformations.

The nuclear magnetic resonance equipment is of great help in detecting benign and malignant tumours, heart and muscle abnormalities, examining the spine, diagnosing heart attacks and strokes.

Health insurers meet about high cost of medical care

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The burgeoning cost of health care is far outstripping general price rises in most parts of the western world, and concerned health insurance fund-administrators from 14 countries met in Jerusalem on Monday to compare notes on trimming down this cost.

About 100 people attended an all-day seminar on "The Economics of Health Care," part of the five-day conference of the International Association of Mutual Benefit Funds and the International Federation of Voluntary Health Service Funds, hosted by the Histadrut's Kupat Holim Clalit.

The Dutch are trying to reduce a considerable over-abundance of hospital beds by imposing a building moratorium on new hospitals and encouraging a shift in emphasis to primary care facilities, said Louis Andriessen, secretary of the Dutch

association of sick funds.

In France, a more comprehensive system of home and community care for the elderly is helping to reduce the cost of long-term hospitalization, Joseph Duflos, of the French health insurance association, told the seminar.

Dr. Asher Porat, medical director of Kupat Holim Clalit, debunked the popular myth that introducing new medical technology means an automatic increase in expenditures on personnel and facilities.

Innovative technology can actually cut costs, he said, pointing to a new procedure called coronary angioplasty, in which tiny inflatable "balloons" are introduced into the heart's blood vessels with a catheter to eliminate blockages. This procedure, which can be performed on an outpatient basis, could be used in many cases to replace the considerably more expensive and complicated coronary bypass operation, he said.

Breakthrough in cheaper air conditioning for cars

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — An engineering professor at Tel Aviv University has developed a new way of air conditioning cars without increasing petrol consumption. Mordechai Sokolov, whose invention has been patented in several countries but has not yet been tried in practice, explained that cars use only one third of the energy generated by the petrol in their tanks. The other two thirds are wasted as exhaust.

Until now there has been no way to harness that wasted energy for air conditioning, and operating an air conditioner has thus meant using additional petrol. Also, cars with small engines cannot use air conditioning efficiently because they do not meet the extra energy demand.

Sokolov has now found a way of using the wasted energy to operate an air conditioner. The process involves a special kind of cooling cycle called an absorption cycle.

The substances usually used in such a cycle are poisonous and would not have been appropriate for use in a car, but he has found cooling gases which can be used safely in a car air conditioner. No special engine parts are needed, and the cost of operating his unit is negligible, he said.

The cost of developing a commercial prototype of the unit is high, however. If funding can be found, Sokolov believes that a commercial model could be on the market within two years. If this proves successful, he is sure that air conditioning will someday be standard in all cars the way a heater is today.

Miami charter firms will get landing rights

The Transport Ministry has denied reports that the Civil Aviation Authority had forbidden two charter flight companies from Miami to land at Ben-Gurion Airport.

A ministry spokesman said that the companies, which plan to bring thousands of American tourists to Israel this summer, only applied last Monday for a permit to operate the flights to Israel. The request has not been denied, the spokesman said, and the Civil Aviation Authority intends to approve it, in accordance with charter flight regulations.

Comments on these charter flights were incorrectly attributed to Tourism Minister Avraham Shari in *The Jerusalem Post* on Monday. They were made by Shari's communications adviser, Zvi Rimon.

Mayors get 150 per cent pay boost

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel's mayors and other local authority chief executives — and their assistants — were recently given a basic salary increase of 150 per cent over last year, Interior Minister Yosef Burg confirmed this week. He said the wage hike followed a similar boost granted by the government to deputy ministers.

The new wages announced by Burg are exclusive of the cost-of-living increment, various expense accounts and other components of a mayor's or local authority

chairman's pay voucher.

The country's cities and towns are classified according to five population groupings: "A" — over 2,000; "B" — 500 to 2,000; "C" — 200 to 500; "D" — 50 to 200; and "E" — under 50.

The mayors' new monthly salaries (with last year's in parentheses) are as follows: "A" mayor: \$59,200 (\$23,680); "B" mayor: \$52,984 (\$21,190); "C" mayor: \$46,768 (\$18,700); "D" local authority chairman: \$40,552 (\$16,200); and "E" local authority chairman: \$34,336 (\$13,730).

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Gaza fishermen threat to local industry

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Fishermen's Union has asked the Defence establishment to act against Gaza fishermen who are flooding the market with cut-rate big fish allegedly stolen from Egyptian trawler owners. The union has complained that this has opened the way for drugs and possibly explosives to be smuggled into Israel.

Union secretary Itamar Katz told *The Jerusalem Post* that "large quantities" of the more expensive big fish, groupers and sea bream from the off-Sinai fishing grounds closed to Israelis, are being marketed by the Gaza fishermen at half the regular price. "They have almost made it useless for our own members to go see," he said.

Katz said the Gaza men buy the fish at sea from Egyptian trawlers. The Egyptians can sell

cheaply, because they simply steal the catches that belong to the trawler owners they work for, according to the union's information. Unlike Israeli owners, the owners did not themselves go to sea — they employ hired hands to do the work for them.

The Gaza fishermen are allowed to sell their catches freely in Israel and thus have a ready market for their contraband Egyptian fish, Katz said. As a result the \$300 to \$400 per kilogram union members had been getting for their groupers and bream has dropped to only between \$150 to \$200.

The union holds that besides creating unfair competition, the contraband-running is establishing a system that could easily be used to smuggle drugs and explosives into Israel. The defence establishment appears not to have taken any preventive measure as yet, said Katz.

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8 Yawn (4)
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12 And not (3)
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15 Misappropriate (5)
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Downward trend becomes nosedive

TEL AVIV. — The market crashed again yesterday, continuing the process which started at the beginning of last week. There had been a short recovery a few days ago, when the market had a "technical upward adjustment" followed by a few days of being mixed.

Financial circles did not know how much of the plummeting prices were due to the "Russians," the announcement that Russian families were leaving the confrontation countries with Israel, often an early warning of an outbreak of hostilities. "But there seemed to be general agreement that the Middle East situation had increased the nervousness of many investors, who had seen the value of their stocks decline rapidly in the past ten days."

No matter what the reason, the effect could easily be seen yesterday. Although the turnover in stocks was up, 15,927 million, compared to 15,251 million the previous day, most of this was due to selling, while on the previous day it had been due to both buying and selling. A full 95 shares were "sold only," and another 170 fell by 5% or more. Only six stocks rose by 5% or more, and there were no "buyers only."

Interestingly, the general index (including convertibles) of the commercial banks, which generally rises, if only slightly, also fell. True, the fall was slight, only 0.02%, but even this set a record since it has not been the case in recent times.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By MACABEE DEAN

What caused the bank index to fall was heavy selling pressure on Muntz shares, both of which were "sold only," plus selling pressure on Finance and Trade, which fell by 3% and 2.9% on its 1.0 and 5.0 shares. Moreover, FIBI fell by 9.9% and Danot, which has been rising following the announcement of an excellent business year in 1982, both rose and fell yesterday. Danot 1.0 rose by 5%, but Danot 5.0 fell by 9.7%. Israel General Bank also put in a poor showing.

The Big Three — Leumi, Hapoalim and Discount — continued to rise slightly, as did Mizrahi and Union. First International, despite heavy selling pressure and a huge turnover of some 1515m, remained firm.

The General Share Index fell by 1.66%, but if commercial banks are excluded, the drop was 3.95%. All other sectors fell, with the smallest fall chalked up by insurance companies, which lost only 0.17%. Oil exploration companies fell by 7.15%. Investment companies fell by 4.36%, and industrials by 5.53%.

Of the eight "wild swimmers," all dropped, with a 10% fall being the smallest. Yardenia 0.1 dropped by

15%, Mar-Lez by 14.6%, Azorim by 11.9%, Malat 5.0 by 15%, Magen 1.0 by 15.2%, Ondine 5 by 13.7% and Dead Sea by 10%.

The index-linked bond market rose, ranging from 1% - 3%. Bonds traded in foreign currency rose by 3% and those linked to foreign currency rose by 2%.

There have been blacker days on the stock market, but yesterday, considered as a continuation of the fall which began ten days ago, and taking into account the fall in January, probably made stock trading this year unprofitable.

All this must be compared to 1982, when the market was booming and many people made huge paper profits.

Interestingly enough, when Bank Leumi published its financial statements some weeks ago, board chairman Ernst Japhet went on record as saying that another "shake-out" was probably in the offing. But few persons heeded his words. (He also predicted the January collapse, as did other firms, such as Euroteam.)

Financial circles were wary of predicting that a "bottom" had been reached and that prices would level off. Since comforting sounds made recently by the banks, and the Finance Ministry had only a temporary effect, it is doubtful that any statements not backed up by action will have much effect.

Amnon Gafni, former governor of the Bank of Israel, has joined the board of directors of the Israel General Bank.

Dexter Chemicals states that its turnover dropped by 24% in real terms in 1982, to stand at 1584m. This was mainly due to the drop in exports, from \$2.1m. in 1981 to \$1.25m. in 1982.

Cold Storage's turnover in 1982 grew by only 116% (the index rose by 131%), and net after-tax profits grew by only 76%, to 157.3m.

Dubek announced that it will recommend 130% bonus shares at its annual general meeting on June 7.

Schoellerma (which recently announced its merger with Gibor) stated yesterday that Gibor was paying \$1,759,958 for a 2.68% increase in its holdings in Schoellerma, and not \$1,360,800, as Schoellerma announced earlier this week. Gibor has ten plants, employing 1,800 persons, and its exports in 1982 were \$20m. Total income in 1982 was \$162.6m., and profits before financing costs were \$114.8m. Since financing costs stood at \$129m., the company lost about \$14m.

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The peace of Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, Israel's capital, is today celebrating the 16th anniversary of its reunification in the aftermath of the Six Day War.

This day is an occasion for well merited merriment, but also for soul searching. For though it is officially united, Jerusalem remains a focal point of the major divisions that plague the country as a whole — but primarily the division between Jews and Arabs. Constituting over one quarter of the city's population, East Jerusalem Arabs are a community wholly apart, still Jordanian by citizenship, which keeps nursing the hope of eventual separation.

To remove any doubt that Jerusalem, in its entirety, is nevertheless Israel's capital forever, the Knesset, at the government's behest, three years ago, in July 1980, passed Basic Law: Jerusalem. The law created no new legal facts, for Jerusalem had been one since July 1967. But it was provocative enough to empty Jerusalem of all of its foreign legations. And it did not prevent President Reagan from lending his support last year to the idea that East Jerusalem Arabs should take part in the elections to the West Bank-Gaza council under the autonomy scheme.

In the meantime official policies have helped draw Jews away from Jerusalem to outlying settlements in administered Judea, where housing is subsidized. This exodus, which is not fully offset by influx into the city, is slowly eroding Jerusalem's 100-year-old Jewish majority.

Faithful Jerusalemites are justly proud of their city. With 4,000 years of history looking down upon it, it is a bustling and beautiful metropolis which, despite its internal divisions, maintains a level of peacefulness that would be the envy of many plural cities around the world. The peace, however relative, of Jerusalem is due in no small measure to a benign municipal government that has never tired of preaching, and practising, the virtue of tolerance.

Peace in this city holy to the three great monotheistic faiths has also rested on the completely free access by members of each and every religion to their own holy places. A corollary of this freedom has been the prevention of encroachment by any religious group on the traditional preserve of another. That is how it should be in the future as well.

Soviet-Syrian threats

THE EVACUATION of the families of Soviet diplomats from Beirut inevitably brings to mind a similar move by the Kremlin in 1973 just before the Syrians and the Egyptians attacked Israel in what came to be known as the Yom Kippur War. But it would be rash to infer from this historical analogy that the Soviets are suspecting, let alone encouraging, a fresh offensive by Syria against this country.

Aleksander Soldatov, the Soviet ambassador in Beirut, yesterday dismissed the evacuation as a purely routine move. This should be taken with a grain of salt. Beirut has, after all, become a dangerously violent place to live in, as the blowing up of the U.S. embassy in the Lebanese capital three weeks ago amply demonstrated. And the Russians, unlike the Americans, tend to keep all their people together; they do not spread them around town.

All the same it may be surmised that the Kremlin will not regret it if the evacuation helps to heighten tension in the wake of the conclusion of the agreement between Israel and Lebanon. To raise the level of tension is precisely what Tass was aiming at in charging that the agreement is a U.S.-Israeli conspiracy to convert Lebanon into a "staging ground against neighbouring Arab countries," notably Syria.

The Soviets may be hoping that such heightened tension will yet prevent the ratification and signing of the Israel-Lebanese agreement.

That the agreement would not be palatable to the Soviets could, of course, readily be foreseen. The fact that it provides for a simultaneous Israeli and Syrian-PLO withdrawal from Lebanon and not for a unilateral, and unconditional, Israeli pullback, is probably less of an offence to the Kremlin than its own total exclusion from the bargaining process that preceded the conclusion of the agreement.

Although it falls far short of attaining the original Israeli objectives, the agreement no doubt represents to the Soviets a diplomatic triumph for the U.S., and a defeat for themselves. That is why it ripples, and why the Kremlin is sending out signals to suggest that it has not lost all power of veto over developments in the Middle East.

Their loyal clients, the Syrians, are helping the Soviet patrons by whipping up some renewed communal frenzy in the Shouf mountains. This, again, does not necessarily mean that the Syrians, for their part, are planning a new war, even a war of attrition. But it does mean that they will do whatever they can, through their own loyal clients, the left-wing Druse, to block the agreement from entering into force.

If this effort at intimidation fails, as it probably will, the Syrians may knuckle down to some hard bargaining, designed to extract the best terms possible in return for their own withdrawal. With the Kremlin this time in the picture, Damascus may, for example, insist on the establishment of a Syrian security zone in the Bekaa, similar to the one obtained by Israel in Southern Lebanon.

NEEDED CHANGE

By SHEVAH WEISS

A NEW president has taken office. The Labour Alignment, which had nominated Chaim Herzog as its candidate, was as surprised as everyone else when he was the victor in the secret ballot in the Knesset, a vote that once again demonstrated the fickleness of the coalition system in Israel.

That vote was just one more example of the contradictions in our coalition system, but one that points in a desirable direction. A system is good as long as it works satisfactorily. Since the 1981 Knesset election, the system has shown signs of bankruptcy. Frequently laws have been passed by a majority of one, and even this majority has sometimes been accidental. Laws have been passed by means of parliamentary tricks, some with the unexpected support of the Opposition. What is much worse, the culture of the "balancer" has reached such dimensions that the whole democratic-parliamentary fabric seems to be in danger.

There has never been a time in Israel's short history when such important decisions were made "accidentally" — on the basis of so narrow a majority and at so high a coalition price — as in the Tenth Knesset. This is not a temporary state of affairs, but a situation that has become a regular feature of Israeli politics. The coalition system needs to be re-examined, and serious consideration given to the idea of changing it to some form of presidential system, preferably along the lines of that introduced by the Fifth Republic in France.

Until the election of the Ninth Knesset in 1977, the coalition system worked fairly effectively, with minimal disturbances to the working of the principles of majority rule and party representation. Up to then, the system had been based on a major, large, pivotal party or bloc of parties — Mapai until 1965, and then the "narrow" Alignment (Mapai and Ahdut Ha'avoda) and after 1969, the "broad" Alignment (Mapai, Ahdut Ha'avoda and Mapam).

This pivotal bloc numbered 48 members in the first Knesset, drop-

ping not lower than 45 seats (Third Knesset) and reaching 60 in the seventh.

Invariably it was necessary to form a coalition, but not by being dependant on any one small party that could thus extract an exorbitant price for its cooperation.

In 1977, when the dominance of the Labour Movement was broken, it was not replaced by another dominant party. After the "upheaval," Menachem Begin bestowed on the religious parties the status of pivotal parties — those that could determine who would form the next government, despite their relatively small absolute size. They could set their own price for their decision.

Paradoxically, though the religious parties were reduced from 17 Knesset members in 1977 to 10 in 1981 (8.3 per cent of the Knesset membership), their position was strengthened. Thus two relatively small parties were able to change the whole "coalition price structure." The new prices to be paid go against the national consensus and totally change the status quo.

PUBLIC OPINION polls indicate that the basic stalemate between right and left continues, even though minor variations occur within each of the blocs, among the Likud-Tehiya-NRP on the one hand, and the Alignment-Shinui-Citizens Rights Movement-Shell-Hadash, on the other. No matter who will sit in the shaky seat of the prime minister, the pivotal parties, primarily those of the religious bloc, will call the cues. All this is turning the system of parliamentary representation into a mockery, and is ruining the credibility of the coalition system.

I doubt very much whether a change in the election system in Israel, not even on the lines proposed by the Alignment, will enable the Israeli political system to break through the coalition barrier. Nor do I believe that under any truly democratic system, will either of the large blocs achieve, in the foreseeable future, an absolute majority. Therefore, some form of

presidential system, similar to the one introduced by de Gaulle in France, but adapted to Israeli conditions and established with an adequate system of checks and balances is not only desirable, but even essential.

The idea of Israel adopting a presidential system is not new, but it has never been seriously considered. It has been rejected out of hand as something foreign to our political culture. There seem to be deep reservations, even a trauma associated with the presidential system. The anti-presidential atmosphere has fed on the flourishing coalition life, and the benefits the coalition has provided most of the parties and politicians at one time or another.

Furthermore, our political elites have been inclined towards collective leadership. This was even true in the period of David Ben-Gurion's preeminence. There was always a shying away from placing excessive legal power in the hands of a single man. This was evident when a law was passed establishing direct enactment of the mayoral elections and in Ben-Gurion's retirement from government. The anti-presidential atmosphere was promoted by the collective leadership group within Mapai. In the same atmosphere the "Dayan complex" and fears of his populist style were nurtured.

When Yitzhak Rabin returned from serving as ambassador in Washington and suggested introducing the presidential system in Israel, he met an iron wall of rejection. Some mocked his "assimilation" into the American political culture. Others spoke of his new inclination as show the absence of deep roots in the Labour Movement.

The socialists and liberals fear, perhaps with some justification, the populist nature of a presidential system in Israel. However, one of the paradoxes of Israeli politics is that side by side with the shrinking away from the introduction of the presidential system, there is the contempt that has always been ex-

Dry Bones



pressed for "weak" prime ministers. Levi Eshkol, Moshe Sharett and even Yitzhak Rabin were severely criticized for not having ruled their cabinets with a strong hand, while Ben-Gurion, Golda Meir and Menachem Begin have been revered for acting as "landlords" in their governments.

The socialists among us are also inclined to stick a right-wing label on the presidential system, and yet we also admire François Mitterrand's presidency. It is time that we did away with our theoretical prejudices against the presidential system and honestly begin to adapt our approach to Israel's governmental system to the real needs and interests of a stable, viable democracy.

The presidential system in Israel would undoubtedly create a process of split voting, as can be observed in our local government elections. The voters will be able to vote in accordance with differing political inclinations for the Knesset without fear of fragmenting the regime.

Presidential candidates will be selected by the major political blocs, which will muster together coalitions of voters for the purpose of getting their candidate elected irrespective of how they voted the Knesset.

This, in my opinion, will lead to a renaissance of the small ideological parties, which will give expression to the heterogeneity of this society. The presidential system will ensure that the representative system not work at the expense of government's stability or create sort of distortions of democracy that we are witnessing in this country.

Whoever is disgusted with the enslavement of the Israeli political system to small political parties which are more concerned with sectarian interests than the national interest, must favour such a change in the system.

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The right to health care

By DAVID MANDEL

60 per cent or more of the workers, and this contradiction has burst into the open. It has been indubitably shown that many doctors are underpaid and overworked. The Histadrut, instead of offering an improvement in conditions to its own staffs and backing the demands of other physicians, is meekly trying to blame the government, suggesting, incredibly for a "workers' movement," that it use emergency orders to break the strike!

Not that the government is without fault: there is clearly a politically motivated, anti-Histadrut bias in its handling of the crisis. Kupat Holim Clalit is in a bind: if it agrees to pay its doctors more, it would have to raise dues twice — once for the increase and once to make up for the drop in state sub-

sidy that would certainly follow as a retribution for exceeding the collective pay agreements it helped to formulate last year. (Its help was, to say the least, negligent in light of the current tumble of all workers' real wages.)

The situation is indeed dreary, but the solution is not to go the way of private medicine, which would leave most of the population even worse off. To "save money" and break the Histadrut, this is what the government wants; and some doctors, interested in making more money, would like this as well.

The various proposals for a centralized, national health insurance scheme boil down to the same thing as long as the public is still expected to pay for it directly,

keeping it a "self-enclosed book-keeping unit."

The Dean article envisioned a situation in which different insureds could contract for more or less comprehensive coverage, and a private system would fill in the gaps. But it is not difficult to foresee which people would sign up for the minimum, or even none at all: clearly not the ones who could afford to see private doctors.

GOOD HEALTH CARE is expensive. Any attempt at a radical solution to today's problem must first of all confront a basic question: is health care in a modern society like Israel's to be considered a privilege or a right? If the former, then let patients pay for what they can afford, and make no pretence about

equality. If the latter, then medicine must be put in the same category as the other services we take granted as being provided by state: education, social welfare, defence, for instance.

If one accepts the premise of health care, it is to be a state-guaranteed right, then its delivery should be unencumbered by problem of how to balance budget, just as no one demands that schools, yeshivot or the army somehow "pay their own way." Health care could be high centralized, or extreme decentralized, or somewhere between these extremes, depending on social efficiency, and to a certain extent, individual preference. could stress the less glamorous most important task of preventive care and education, always the first items to be minimized when medicine becomes a business.

The remaining question, of course, is where the money would come from, and the simple answer is the state budget. How funds are raised is, in theory, a matter for public debate and democratic decision. The current trend is towards more regressive taxation, such as high VAT. National Insurance payments and compulsory war loans. Another way would be to make sure that rich truly pay more, by stressing progressive income and corporate taxes.

Choices will have to be made, spending priorities, as well. If we accept the principle that our health is society's business, then perhaps the outlay involved in settling a defending Greater Israel would not seem so important or desirable. But that is a separate question — or is it?

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READERS' LETTERS

WEIZMANN DOCTORATES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I very much regret the fact that, in your story of April 29 on the ceremony at the Weizmann Institute of Science at which honorary doctorates were awarded to a number of very distinguished men, you failed to note that one of the recipients was Mr. Ernest I. Japhet, KBE, and that Mr. Japhet spoke on behalf of all the recipients of degrees.

NECHEMIA MEYERS, Head, Public Affairs Office, Weizmann Institute of Science Rehovot.

THE GOLAN HEIGHTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — President Reagan says that UN resolution 242 requires Israel to return at least a part of the Golan Heights to Syria. Somebody should remind him that Israel has already given up some of the Golan, including the town of Kuneitra. Doesn't that count?

MARJORIE COOPER Haifa.

PENFRIENDS

RAVI SHANKER (20), of 18/A G.D. Bastee, Bistupur, Jamshedpur 831001, India, is a science student training in electronics and telecommunications who would like to have Israeli penfriends. He collects stamps and enjoys light classical music.

Tourists interested in visiting one of Youth Aliyah Villages on May 16, 1983, can apply for registration to Mrs. Dorit Goldbaum, Israel Discount Bank, 7th floor, 16 Mapu St., Tel: 03-248251, no later than 13th of May.

TV PREVIEWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I have gotten used to the heavy emphasis on politics in Philip Gillon's Teleterview. However, as a newcomer to Israel, I find something sorely missing in Gillon's column: previews.

Reading his Teleterview of April 24, I would have had no idea that one of the biggest television programmes of the year — the Eurovision Song Competition — was to take place the next night. I know that Mr. Gillon cannot preview everything, but it is very disappointing to read how great a show was, or how everyone in Israel was glued to their TV sets to see a given show a week after the programme was broadcast.

In the U.S., the TV reviewers preview shows before they are broadcast so that they can advise their readers as to whether the shows merit watching.

Petah Tikva. AARON LERNER

Philip Gillon comments:

I am afraid that the system in Israel is very different from that in the U.S., perhaps because there is only one channel. There are very few previews of programmes. When there are previews, either my colleague Judy Siegel-Izkovitch or I report on them. Moreover, the Friday magazine carries full listings of TV programmes for the week.

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HAIFA ENGLISH THEATRE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I enjoyed reading Marsha Pomerantz' lively article on the activities of the ZOA Drama Circle (April 25), but I must point out that it is not the country's only independent amateur dramatic group.

The Haifa English Theatre (which put on three plays within the last 18 months) is also completely independent. Just as the ZOA Circle is part of ZOA, so the Haifa English Theatre is associated with the Northern branch of the AACI. It enjoys the use of the AACI Centre for meetings and rehearsals, but the

policies and choice of scripts are entirely in the hands of the members of the theatre group.

Incidentally, in one month's time, the Haifa English Theatre will be staging "Back Home," a musical revue, at Beit Hahayal in Haifa. There will be at least three performances and the proceeds of the opening night (June 7) will be devoted to the Soldiers' Welfare Fund.

MARION LUPU Haifa English Theatre Haifa.

POSTSCRIPTS

MORE THAN 1,000 Indian government employees stripped to their underpants recently and staged a protest march to press demands for better uniforms.

Clad in multi-coloured underpants of red, blue, yellow and stripes, the men paraded from central Delhi to the residence of

Home Minister P.C. Sethi to hand over a list of demands.

Female employees were exempted from the demonstration. "They can't strip," was the simple explanation of organizer G.L. Dhar.

The protesters want the government to supply better cloth for their uniforms, instead of the coarse cotton they now wear.

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